

**PUBLIC HEARING****MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016****6:30 P.M.**

- Roll Call** Dave Buchewicz presiding. Board members Walt Sackinsky and Ed Snee were present. Also in attendance were: Karen Fosbaugh, Township Manager; Dennis McDonough, Chief of Police; and Paul J. Gitnik, Esq., Township Solicitor.
- Purpose of Hearing** The purpose of the Public Hearing is to take oral or written testimony and to receive public comment with regard to the request submitted by South Park Beer, LLC, for approval of an inter-municipal transfer of Restaurant Liquor License R-19472, Tokyo Sushi Buffet & Grill, Inc., Storeroom 9991, 4801 McKnight Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237, to 5660 Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236, which is located within the borders of South Park Township.
- Testimony**
- Mr. Wargo** – Mr. Wargo stated that on October 11, 2016, he received a letter of request from South Park Beer, LLC, in care of attorney Holly Guna. On 11/14/2016, the Board of Supervisors scheduled the Public Hearing for this evening. A Legal Notice was sent to the Post-Gazette on 11/18/2016 and published on 12/2/2016. Signs were posted on the property and in the Township Administration Lobby on 12/5/2016, notifying the public of the Hearing.
- Mr. Gitnik** – Mr. Gitnik asked that the information presented by Mr. Wargo be entered into the record.
- Lou Caputo, representing the applicant** – Mr. Caputo explained that they are here this evening to acquire an inter-municipal Liquor License transfer for South Park Beer, LLC, to be used at their premises located at 5660 Brownsville Road. Since there were no available liquor licenses within South Park Township, the Liquor Code Section 461.b.3, allows them to transfer a license from another municipality. The Liquor License transfer is the first step in the process, and there is still a formal transfer process with the Liquor Control Board where residents have the ability to voice their concerns. The applicant proposes to operate a sit-down restaurant within their current facility which also houses a gas station and convenience store. The restaurant will offer items such

as hot dogs and hoagies, and there will be on-premise sales, as well as off-premise sales. They intend to operate the restaurant from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., and they plan to hire approximately 2 to 3 additional employees for the restaurant part of the business. There will be a full-time manager appointed to the business, who will be ramp-certified by the Board. There is no connection between the current licensee and the new licensee that is purchasing the Liquor License. Mrs. Fosbaugh inquired as to the type of alcohol that will be served, and Mr. Caputo replied that they will only be selling beer in bottles. He explained that under the Code for a restaurant license, you are permitted to sell up to 192 ounces per transaction; therefore, you can buy one bottle or mix two six packs together. They will also have take-out available. Mr. Buchewicz inquired as to the capacity available for patrons. Mr. Caputo explained that under the Liquor Code, the minimum requirement is 400 square feet and the ability to serve a minimum of 30 people. They currently have the space, and are planning to have a capacity of 32. If there are any additions to be made, they would notify the Township. Mrs. Fosbaugh asked about sufficient parking. Owner, **Jasbir Bhangal** mentioned that the area behind the building can be used for parking. Mr. Wargo commented that since the use of the property is changing, they may need to apply for a site plan or subdivision. Mr. Caputo replied that they are willing to present a plan, if it is necessary, and will follow any Township regulations. Mrs. Fosbaugh asked if they can use the area behind the building without consolidating the property into one parcel, and Mr. Wargo replied that they would need a Letter of Consent. Mr. Gitnik asked if they were aware that they may need a site plan or land development agreement, and Mr. Caputo replied that they are aware. He explained that once the resolution was approved, they had intended to present their plan to the Township. Mrs. Fosbaugh asked if they need an original resolution, and Mr. Caputo replied that they will need an original.

**Close Public  
Hearing**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky and seconded by Mr. Snee to close the public hearing. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky and seconded by Mr. Snee to adjourn the public hearing. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Time: 6:38 p.m.**