

PUBLIC HEARING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

6:15 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; Tom Bonidie, Code Enforcement Officer; and Irving Firman, Solicitor. Absent: Aaron Laughlin, Director of Public.
- 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 Coen Markets, Inc., for approval of an inter-municipal transfer of Restaurant Liquor License R-19578, Trenton, LLC, 605 Mount Royal Boulevard, Shaler Township, Pittsburgh, PA 15223, to Coen Markets Inc. (CoGo's), 2880 Brownsville Road, South Park, PA 15129, which is located within South Park Township.
- Mrs. Fosbaugh would like to note for the record that Mr. Laughlin is now present.
- Testimony**
- Mr. Bonidie** – Mr. Bonidie had no comments.
- Mr. Firman** – Mr. Firman commented that Mr. Paul Namey is present on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Firman explained that under the PA Liquor Code, the license is being transferred as an inter-municipal transfer. He added that the applicant cannot submit to the Liquor Board until the Township Resolution has been approved. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the Liquor Control Board to either approve or disapprove the transfer.
- Paul Namey, Flaherty & Ohara P C, 610 Smithfield St, Pittsburgh, PA 15222** – Mr. Namey commented that the hearing is part of the process to obtain approval from the PA Liquor Control Board for the inter-municipal transfer of the Liquor License. He explained that the License will be used at a renovated CoGo's Store, located at 2880 Brownsville Road. Coen Markets, Inc. is a local Washington County company, based in Canonsburg, and they purchased CoGo's at the end of last year. They are starting a brand redevelopment phase, and all of their stores will be going under the Coen Market banner. The renovation will be a nice upgrade to the store. With the CoGo's acquisitions, Coen Market now owns and operates 65 stores; and eventually, all of the

stores will have Liquor Licenses. The only alcohol sold will be beer and wine, mostly for take-out purposes. The amount of alcohol sold is limited, and there will be a 100% carding policy. As part of the requirement for the Liquor License, the seating will be increased. There will be a full kitchen upgrade in all of the CoGo's locations. The facility will be outfitted with security cameras covering the entire property. Mrs. Fosbaugh inquired about RAMP certification, and Mr. Namey replied that each store employee and the store manager will be RAMP certified. Mr. Buchewicz asked about the sales volume, and Mr. Namey replied that they are limited to 192 fluid ounces per person, which is equivalent to approximately two 6-packs. For wine, they are limited to 3,000 milliliters, which is equivalent to approximately four bottles of wine.

Residents – No public comments were made.

**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: 6:27 p.m.