

The Board of License Commissioners of Cecil County met in a regular session at the County Administrative Building, Conference Room, 200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Elk Room, Elkton, MD on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 9:15 A.M.

PRESENT: Stephen Miller, Chairman
Kristen Ortt, Commissioner
Bernard Chiominto, Commissioner
Lawrence Scott, Board Attorney
Earl Bradford, Chief Alcoholic Beverage Inspector
Sandra Cumm, Administrative Assistant
Jeanea Gomez-Scott, Paralegal

Chairman Miller: called the Cecil County Board of License Commissioners meeting at order. He asked everyone to rise and say the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Miller: asked for everyone that was to testify at today's hearing to stand and be sworn in.

Administrative Assistant: sworn in Earl Bradford and audience members who were going to testify at this time

UPDATE – REQUEST FOR OUTDOOR SEATING AND OUTDOOR CONSUMPTION:

Chairman Miller: Our first case is an update from Broad Steet Tavern, 648 Broad Street, Perryville, MD 21903, B-164, for outdoor table seating and outdoor consumption. Would you please come forward. Identify yourself for the record.

Broad Street: Caressa Peterson, representing Robert Bradford, Broad Street Tavern, Thomas Peterson, Bradford's Father

Attorney Scott: Okay, So I am the attorney for the board, I have a couple of questions for you: You said you submitted an application

that you signed. Has anything changed on that application since you submitted it?

Broad Street Tavern Rep: No, Not at all. Not on that application

Chairman Miller: Okay, can you give us a brief rundown on what you are planning?

Broad Street Tavern Rep: Well, we have a little space out front, and its getting warmer, and we would like to put just 2 little tables, about 2 to a table, to take their lunch out there and eat, but on the liquor license, they cannot take it out right now. So if the have a drink, we would like them to be able to take it out with them.

Chairman Miller: Mr. Bradford, you have apparently went down and checked out the location and you have a question

Mr. Bradford: Correct, but I actually made this note last night, that they should actually speak to the Town of Perryville, and have the Town of Perryville come out and verify that there are no objections from the Town or the surrounding Residents.

Attorney Scott: Chairman, I have a couple of questions, If you don't mind

Chairman Miller: Mr. Scott, you go right ahead

Mr. Scott: Is the outdoor area, somehow delineated by a fence or some type of barrier, that would keep the general public, or from people wandering in and out of that space where there's going to be liquor outside?

Broad Street Tavern: Not really, it's like the tables would be by the parking lot, but there are stones and blocks to keep the cars from running over it. The building is right next to parking lot, and where we are putting the tables, there is double windows that the barmaids can look right out and see them sitting there.

Attorney Scott: I would make a recommendation, Chairman, they might consider putting some type of natural or some type of barrier whether is just be a wooden fence post or something, because we don't want underage drinkers wandering into that space. We also don't want people to step over into the parking lot. So it doesn't have to be a fancy barrier, but just something that would block or make it difficult for people to enter into the parking lot with an alcoholic beverage. I am sure that is not your intent, but you know sometimes people take liberties, as I'm sure you know since you have been in the business a long time.

Broad Street Tavern: You know, just make the tables enclosed with something, not to block the view .

Chairman Miller: Not to block the view. We certainly do not want to destroy the view.

Broad Street Tavern:(Robert) Okay, like a barrier

Attorney Scott: You see, when the airports where they have the red velvet ropes, just something so People don't automatically take their drinks and spill over into the parking lot. We want people to stay in the eating area. Is that possible? It doesn't have to be fancy. It is up to the Board to make the decision, but I am just asking you, Is that something that you might conceivable to tell the board you are willing to do?

Broad Street Tavern: We have already have that, we have large flower pots that we could put around.

Attorney Scott: I would defer that to Earl

Broad Street Tavern: Yes, you saw the place, so put them in the front and the side of like that (showing hand motions how she would put them around)

Earl Bradford: I think that would work for you, as Mr Scott was saying, the cabling like the movie theaters or lines around for you.

Broad Street Tavern: Okay, like just roped off? Yeah, okay.

Attorney Scott: We just don't want , you know, We are tasked to make sure that liquor doesn't enter into the parking lot. So you know that's a risk that's something that we have to consider, and so to the extent that you can convince us that won't happen, it makes it easier for the Board to make a decision in your favor, and so to the extent that you could have some type of barrier and something that does not interfere with your restaurant, or with the sites and views, or the people's enjoyment of their sitting at the table. So I defer to Earl to what's sufficient? But I think the Board would probable like to hear some testament that that is something you would do.

Broad Street Taven: Yes, yes, we will find something to put up there,
Yes, and I understand what you mean now, Put a barrier, yes

Attorney Scott: That's all I have, Chairman

Chairman Miller: Thank you Miss Ortt, do you have any questions?

Kristin Ortt: I think I already know the answer, But for 2 tables, I assume you would not have outdoor entertainment.

Broad Street Tavern: No

Kristin Ortt: Thank you.

Broad Street Tavern: It's like I say, it's right in front of a big double window, and the bar is like right their, so the bar maids or the bartenders can actually watch them sitting there, and if the need more service or whatever.

Kristen Ortt: okay, that was my only question.

Chairman Miller: Mr. Chiominto?

Bernard Chiominto: I have nothing at this point in time.

Chairman Miller: I have nothing, at this point in time, unless there is further questions or anybody her to speak for or against, I would entertain a motion

Bernard Chiominto: I make a motion that the request for outdoor table seating and outdoor consumption be approved as long as the town of Perryville has no issues with it.

Attorney Scott: so if to amend the motion, if Town of Perryville could send an email saying that they are okay, then, if the Board were to vote in the affirmative, then they would be able to issue a license.

Chairman Miller: Have you talked to them?

Broad Street Tavern: No

Chairman Miller: We have a motion, Do I hear a second?

Kristen Ortt: Second

Chairman Miller: Having a motion for Mr Chiominto, and a second from Ms Ortt, all in favor say Aye

Kristen Ortt/Bernard Chiominto: Aye

Chairman Miller: Opposed, (silent), Having no opposition, the motion carries. Congratulations and good luck with you.

Attorney Scott: You just get an email from Perryville and send it to Earl, that would be great. If you need help with that or who to contact, Earl can certainly help.

Broad Street Tavern: I have contacts.

Attorney Scott: Okay, have a great day, Thank you.

Broad Street Tavern: Thank you so much for all your help. To Earl: you will be in touch with me.

Earl Bradford: Yes, and thank you.

Chairman Miller: Up Next on our agenda is an application for a new license received from Nadine M. Miracle, Leslie S. Hott, Zhanna Panasenکو, GWR Perryville Beverage, LLC, T/A Great Wolf Lodge, 1240 Chesapeake Overlook Parkway, Perryville, MD 21903 for a new Class "EF" Beer, Wine & Liquor Alcoholic Beverages License . Please Start by identifying yourselves.

Zhanna Panasenکو: My name is Zhanna 34194 N Trillium way, Round Lake, IL. I am in the process of actually moving to Maryland.

Chairman Miller: Okay. Welcome

Leanne Schreck (attorney): Good morning, Commissioners, I am with Ryan, McClain and Reid. I am representing Great Wolf Lodge

Leslie Hott: I am going to be the director of Human Resources at the new Great Wolf Lodge and I live in Belair, Harford County, MD

Mr. Scott: So I am the attorney for the liquor board and also the attorney for the county and have there been any changes to your application since you turned it in?

Nadine Miracle: There has not.

Attorney Scott: Okay, so I would like to point one thing out before we proceed. It might just be simply administrative, the application you sent into the state has a different name than what you submitted your application for. You dropped the word beverage. I would like to call that to your attention before we could, if everything goes well, and the board decided to grant a license, we would have to have that changed on the application so that it is consistent with what you got from the State.

Leanne Schreck (attorney): When you are done I will explain the situation.

Attorney Scott: That's fine, Good, Go ahead, I just wanted to get it out of the way up front.

Leanne Schreck (attorney): So the owner of the property is GWR Perryville LLC, they own the property. The entity that is going to hold the liquor license is the GWR Perryville Beverage, LLC. There is a management agreement between the parties, so because of the Residency requirements and the ownership requirements, we set up a separate entity to hold the liquor license. The owner of the property GWR Perryville, LLC is the 97% owner of the licensed entity, So they in fact have the control of the licensed entity.

Attorney Scott: All right, Earl, do we normally have a operating agreement for the agreement, and we use it to see that?

Mr. Bradford: Yes, you sent that to us.

Leanne Schreck(attorney): There is a copy of the management agreement. It was part of the file.

Attorney Scott: Okay, I am satisfied with that. So the liquor license will be given to the Beverage, not to the landowner. Correct?

Mr. Bradford: Yes, just wanted to make sure the 5 of us were aware of this, but usually they sink with the same entity.

Leanne Schreck(attorney): They will be paying the alcohol taxes and the sales taxes. That is correct, and they will have their own sales and use tax license in the beverage entity.

Attorney Scott: so that was what we got, what we received from the state on the tax statement was the landowner, not the one liquor license owner.

Leanne Schreck(attorney): Oh, okay, so you have a tax hold right now, because the accounts are not open. If you wouldn't mind me getting a copy of that letter, I will confirm with the comptroller to make sure that you have clearance for both entities.

Attorney Scott: That would be great. Does that satisfy Earl?

Mr. Bradford: Yes,

Attorney Scott: That would be great. Thank you very much, Okay,
Chairman

Chairman Miller: Who would like to tell us about the operation of the liquor license.

Leanne Schreck (attorney): Well, I will turn it over to Miss Miracle to give you the whole history of Great Wolf, and what is going on in this location.

Chairman Miller: Wonderful

Nadine Miracle: So, Thank you, Just giving you a little bit of history on myself, I have been with Great Wolf Lodge for 15 years. This will be my 5th lodge, very excited to bring our largest lodge here to Maryland. So, within Great Wolf Lodge, we are a family resort, destination, and so we do have a number of different food and beverages outlets and offerings under out one unit and roof. We do have 700 guest rooms as well as in our lodge, We have a large water park area as well as a family adventure park Center. So within that space families can enjoy beverages, and they also enjoy the adventure park space and the water park. They can go to our lobby are for story time and guest activities. So it is one whole unit, one large building, but it has a lot of those different amenities and services under one roof. And so throughout our food and beverage establishments we would be looking to offer alcoholic beverages for sale and purchase.

Chairman Miller: Are all the restaurants one?

Nadine Miracle: They are not. We have a total of all including everything, 7 different food and beverage offerings, including our 7,500 square foot banquet facility. We do have 2 large restaurants; one is a buffet and one is an a la carte restaurant. We also have quick service areas. Including full service Dunkin Donuts, but Dunkin Donuts would not be having alcoholic beverages for sale. We also have a creamery, a sweet shop that is an ice cream and confectionery would not be having alcohol for sale. But we do have bars in our larger restaurants as well as we have a water park bar area, and we have a pizzeria. We have Timbers, which is a quick service area that is available for what we call grab n go. You can enjoy your food in the water park as well as the adventure park area, or take it back to your room, that would have alcoholic beverages for sale. And then we have Fresh Woods, which is our grab n go commissary, that is right next to the front desk. That would have all bottled beverages, different items for purchase as well as some fresh meat food the we prepackaged. So again, another grab n go area.

Chairman Miller: So, all the restaurants will be operating under the one liquor license Great Wolf?

Nadine Miracle: Yes, Correct

Chairman Miller: Okay

Attorney Scott: This is the first time we have had, you know this is rural county and the first time we have had such a large sophisticated consumption of alcohol are with multiple restaurants, and multiple point of sales. I want to make sure I understood you correctly, just to put on the record; We have restaurants that are going to be serving alcohol, you have and can people purchase alcohol a la cart from the restaurants to bring back to their room, or do they have to drink it in the restaurant? I took the tour a couple of weeks ago, it is wonderful. Some of the restaurants have, what you heard earlier are natural boundaries that people have to consume the alcohol, or can they roam the entire property with the alcohol that they purchase into different points of sale?

Nadine Miracle: They can roam the entire property.

Attorney Scott: Okay, and then you talked about some type of gran n go. Can you buy alcohol there with a cap on it, you know, unopened and then take that somewhere else on the property, either back to your room or anywhere , and consume that?

Nadine Miracle: Yes that would be our

Attorney Scott: Okay, we don't have anything like this

Earl Bradford: The casino is similar. It is the closest that we have, They had one license for the entire location, and then the Green Turtle came in and had to apply for a totally different license.

Attorney Scott: That is because they had different ownership?

Mr. Bradford: Correct.

Attorney Scott: So they purchased the ownership of the Green Turtle and now it is under one license. So how do we enforce? We don't have anywhere else in the county. The casino has age requirements. We don't want age requirements, we want young children to be able to enjoy themselves and parents to come in and

have a great time with their families. This is the first time we will have alcohol inner roaming with young people. So how do we enforce that?

Mr. Bradford: Observation in the unannounced inspections, I guess I am gonna have to receive a lifetime membership. (laughter)

Attorney Scott: I mean because we are tasked with this, the Board is tasked with overseeing this and we don't want to put your license at risk. I know you don't either. You operate these very well throughout the country and actually internationally.

Earl Bradford: Say, If I was coming to do an inspection, Would I have to go to a secured area? Or I kinda of just walk in the front door?

Nadine Miracle: So, our lodge is open to the general public. The water park itself is restricted, based on if you buy passes, or if you are staying overnight in a guest room. So that is a wrist band access, however, at each area in our location, where we are distributing alcohol, what we really focus on is our training for our pack members, so very much making sure we are identifying. And asking for ID'S as well as that, our pack members, anybody who is in the line of selling alcohol will be tips trained. In addition to that, we do have security personnel on 24 hours a day. They are also looking for signs of inebriation, or intoxication, or any of those behaviors where you know we would potentially see at-risk behavior. We also have 33 full-time salary leadership positions on site. And so we operate from the property, and we also go through what you call emergency action, planning, training, EAP training where we do go through that as well as manager on duty training which teaches us about guest behaviors, escalations, and things to work on. So there is heavy leadership presence, security presence that We have in our outlets. That leadership is the leadership guide I gave you also, it does not include supervisory team members, that is purely salary leadership. SO there is a lot of leadership presence and a lot of facetime with our guests interacting in the spaces. I have been working with Great Wolf for 15 years, and I have been the liquor license holder for our previous lodge. I truly, in the one of our core

foundations, and what we do , and what we focus on is safety is the key to our success, and safety is the number one goal, and that's really what we train our team on from when they enter wolfology, and as our leadership team is developed again, we continually focus on that. So, anything that someone sees that maybe out of the norm behavior we do; If you see something, say something, and then we do train our leadership team to address that. We also have systems in place where, if a server or manager, sees a guest that might be inebriated, and they say we are no longer going to serve them, even if the frontline server bartender makes the call, we will never override them. We will stick to that decision, and we will support them in that. And if we do feel that someone is escalated, we will also find support with our local first responders and reach out to the officers and such because we do work in a space with family and children and we want to make sure that adults are responsible. And then also that they are safeguarding the youth that are there as well.

Chairman Miller: Miss Miracle, How many people do you anticipate going through your tip training? And how do you accomplish that?

Nadine Miracle: We have a really good process as far as we have an established system of Great Wolf University. So, for our food and beverage team, there are specific courses that our food and beverage team must take in order to be active in their role, and so they are reports that we run that we can see what they have done and what they accomplished through tips. We have typically done 2 things, 1 One of our leaderships team members on site will become a proctor that's important to us, so they will be able to actually deliver training specifically for us. But we go through the online platform to ensure that everybody has their license and certification. If someone is coming to us from a previous establishment where they do carry their tip certification, they would have to go into the online portal, enter their license number and then that would be validated. And again, its carried through our system and reporting to make sure it is up to date.

Chairman Miller: Mr. Bradford, is that accepted by Maryland?

Leanne Schreck(attorney): If I may, Tips is a state approved alcohol awareness program and the proctor that she is referring for the online course to be valid in Maryland. The test for the course has to be given by a Maryland approval. So they are having one of their staff go through the process to become a proctor, so that all the certifications are MD approved

Attorney Scott: Okay, Earl, just make sure that we will get copies.

Earl Bradford: Okay

Chairman Miller: Miss Miracle, will you be receiving the tips training or will Miss Hott?

Miss Miracle: I will be

Leanne Schreck (attorney): She has previously had it, but she doesn't have it from Maryland, not Maryland qualified yet.

Attorney Scott: We are enforcement, the liquor boards enforcement, which is done through Earl, Mr. Bradford is mostly based on point of sale. If we get complaints, then do we have other means of investigation, But the real enforcement is that we will send people, its not a secret, we will send you underage people and try and purchase liquor, and then put your liquor license is tied to every point of sale you have in the facility. This board has revoked and penalized and put people on probation and removed the liquor license for up to 30, 60, 90 days, sometimes we have taken away the liquor license for repeated offenses in that area. So, you have a pretty big risk point by having all your liquor license under one roof. Because if somebody in the banquet facility continues to violate, the entire Great Wolf Lodge in Maryland would lose or possible lose your liquor license. So, I just want to make sure that you are very aware of the seriousness, and that we do active enforcement everywhere, and we would probably it would certainly be my advice. I do not want to scare you but to welcome you because we are just happy as can be that you are here and the investment that you made in our community. This is probably one of the primary liquor license to be served with underage people and so liquor goes back to a table, no

one is, you know, outside the facility where the point of sale was, it goes back to a table, maybe back into the water park, and someone's running a cabana or a table, and that you know their kids are drinking alcohol. That is very very hard to enforce from our perspective, and if we were to witness or see that, that would be very troubling for the board. And I don't know how you convince us to enforce that. We don't have a vehicle right now. We are not going to try and set you up for failure, but we certainly have a concern with the young people that are going to be there. And how do we do that? So, I know this is not the first time you have heard this and you have got operations all over the country. Can you maybe just talk about how you minimize that risk?

Nadine Miracle: One is leadership presence on the floor that they see active. Active engagement from our team out there, and kind of in the Water Park on the floor. We have supervisors' management, We have freedom beverage personnel. So, I think the visibility is one area. And then also, when we ID at the point of sale, I think that is also an area that lets the guest who is purchasing the alcohol to know that we do take these items seriously, In addition, we will have signage up in our areas. So, I think /feel with our active presence, and then if we see something, we address it, directly and right away. We have had a really good experience throughout the many years that I have been part of in maintaining a really good environment for families. But I do understand the concern. What I would say though is that the active presence of visible adults and leaders in the area is important and that's what we focus on the training and us kind of always seeing the atmosphere. And for our leaders, we don't want individuals to be intoxicated, because that just adds to further risk, so, we talk about taking a proactive approach to safety on our facilities, If you start seeing someone who is and you know inebriated, or if you see a situation that seems suspicious, or challenging where there would be alcohol passed to a minor. You want to monitor and actively engage with your support team, ask questions, do the right thing, but we have got to address it, because by being passive about it, it allows things to get into a further

escalation. Where then, you might have problems with that guest interacting with other guest. And then you have a larger situation, so the proactive presence of leadership is critical to our success. Also, we do have local talent coming into the organization, but we also have talented leaders from our other lodges coming to the organization as well. So that is where I also have confidence in that. They have worked in this environment They have operated in this environment, and they do understand the expectation. But we are also here to train that and make sure that we are all following the same culture and the same values.

Attorney Scott: The first question is. The way we break out our license is not natural to the type of facility that you are presenting, We have liquor license for bars, we have license for package store like a liquor store. We have one day license for weddings off properties, you have to go through an existing license. So, we have some unique liquor license rules here in Cecil County that we have all inherited, that have been around for a long time, so how do they fit in Earl?

Mr. Bradford: The type of liquor license is an Entertainment Facility that covers all of their needs actually. 365 days a year and 24 hours a day with no restrictions on Sunda or anything. Their license fee covers some things without an additional charge

Attorney Scott: Nadine, if everything goes well with the board, can we have a follow-up meeting with you and your team to discuss enforcement? Enforcement in your facility without us coming in wearing a giant badge or a big red pad on our head saying that we are guest today, we would want to have some way to do enforcement that passes the smell test, and again our Enforcement isn't trying to jam anybody up we are partnering with you to help you have success, to point out any flaws, some things you may not know from: You have a bad actor who is you know it is in everybody interest to weed them out. But the follow up meetings for things to go well to figure out the best way to allow our Enforcement people and without having to blow whistles and horns that we are here. Not sure how to do that.

Earl Bradford: We actually have a Grant funded operation, We do once through operations, stay alert, then we send in someone age 21, without an id, if you serve them then we go in and notify you that you need to do a better job. Our stay alert check. So educational public. Also then we go back with an underage person and if they were able to purchase again the stay alert check. You would actually get one freeby.

Attorney Scott: again, it is our job to help you be successful.

Nadine Miracle: That would be great. We appreciate the partnership, and we do work with other non-alcohol related auditors. Where we have processes because we want to also understand where there are deficiencies or areas we need to focus on

Attorney Scott: We will follow up.

Chairman Miller: Thank you sir, One more question for Miss Hott, Every restaurant I know in this county. Restaurants that have tried to open or are open are not able to staff them. How are you doing?

Leslie Hott: That is a great question. So we have already begun hiring all of our leadership and we were lucky a lot of internal leadership has decided to relocate to MD. So, for example, my friend Zhanna, over here. She is a transplant, but we do have a handful of folks from across the country as well as Nadine. Leadership in general, we are doing very well with filling those positions. I think people have been anxiously anticipating the opening of this organization. We do plan on having 200 international students cone on site to help us Staff. 200 is the first number throughout the year. I think that number will fluctuate a little bit based on our capacity, our frontline, hourly positions. We are actually going to post those in the next week. Being a lifelong community member from Harford County, right across the bridge, there is a lot of talk about this. Wanting their children to work here. Social media asking about getting their child to work there, not that I would give them preferential treatment. However, we are also working with Cecil County workforce as well as Harford County. We will be doing job fares. In the month of May we will be having open recruitment sessions and at an off-site

locations right around the corner from the actual lodge because we cannot be there yet. So more to follow on that. But I am actually optimistic. I think this will really give kind of a boost of energy to the economy for employment purposes in Cecil as well as Harford County, because there is nothing like this.

Chairman Miller: Glad to hear it

Attorney Scott: I know when I was out doing the tour, you announced a soft opening. Is the soft opening day the day you start serving alcohol?

Nadine Miracle: So right now, what we have previously announced was July 15, and just recently we were able to pull that date ahead to June 29. So, the development team as well as our construction partners are doing an amazing job, so that then turns over to us to really hire and train our pack and our staff and be ready to open the facility. Now what we put in the application; we do plan on having onsite functional training as of May 26. That would be the earliest, So I am giving you the best-case scenario. We have a lot of things to do before then, but we would be doing what we consider test days. June 7. Now that is not solidified. I am really focused on the June 2 date. But if we pass our construction and other milestones that we need, that would be June 7. We might be able to progress forward. But again, that's the internal target we are racing towards. But again, for this application I wanted to make sure I gave you the earlier notice rather than come back to you and ask for something to be pulled ahead. But my earliest timeline for the site turnover from our construction partners for me to get the site and then have people on site in the facility. Actually training is May 26 so I kind of did my timeline from there.

Attorney Scott: Thank you

Chairman Miller: Mr. Chiominto, do you have any questions?

Bernie Chiominto: Would it be feasible over the next few weeks, for myself or the board to come down and take a look at the facility itself?

Nadine Miracle: Yes, I could definitely set something up prior to our opening turnover date, so we can look at what best timeline is, so I can work on that for you.

Bernie Chiominto: Thank you, that is all I have

Chairman Miller: All you have to do is get a hold of Mr. Bradford.

Ms Ortt?

Kristen Ortt: The only thing I wanted to ask was for the guest, are there different wrist bands that would differentiate someone who is over or under 21, like a different color or something like that?

Nadine Miracle: We would not do that because we feel that there is too much risk involved in that. We do look to check ID's each time because of someone transferring a wristband. We wanted to make sure that our team is really and has a consistent habit of checking ID's. But that has been something that has been looked at. But that was kind of where our overall company in our Risk Management Department has landed right now. It might be something in the future. Right now we want that best practice of checking ID's for sure.

Chairman Miller: Do you have to be a guest to the hotel to go into the Water Park?

Nadine Miracle: We will have day passes available for sale, so you do not have to be a guest. We will also have birthday parties at our facility, which at that point in time, you would also be then registered as a Day User. They are not available for purchase as of yet, we have to look at actually very close into the timeline. As we open a property, we gradually increase the occupancy level. To make sure that we can ensure our pack is trained. Our team is ready to execute and deliver on the guest experience. And again, all of our safety protocols. So eventually there will be Day passes available, but at this time, if you go on the website, it is not.

Bernie Chiominto: I have one more question. You said you have a banquet room or conference rooms?

Nadine Miracle: We do. We have approximately 7,500 square feet of meeting space. We have a full banquet meeting event space. We do banquet menus, breakouts and events.

Bernie Chiominto: So, you won't be hosting a wedding party or anything like that, or is it more business related?

Nadine Miracle: We could host like a wedding party. We have in my time at Great Wolf. We could do a plated dinner for about 350 at our facility

Chairman Miller: So yes, that is about the biggest facility in the county.

Nadine Miracle: We have had inquiries from everything, corporate association, government, and more of what we call our family and leisure market that is looking for some of those party celebrations and events.

Bernie Chiominto: Thank you.

Chairman Miller: So, if you come up to one of the restaurants, or one of the takeout facilities, and you want to buy a beer, it is a tab where you charge to your room, or is it going to be cash or credit card?

Nadine Miracle: We take charge, apple pay, and we do room charges. We are cashless, So, everything goes through these methods.

Attorney Scott: I assume you don't want people taking alcohol of the premises, outside of the building. Will you have security? In the back of the facility is it's own entrance and then you have the main entrance in front with the giant chimney. So you will have people at the doors at all time?

Nadine Miracle: Our goal in our plan is to always have at least 2 security officers on every shift, 24 hours. We flex where they are in the building at what times. For what needs we also, if we are doing a larger event or function, there will be team members stationed, and impact leaders or security stationed to different areas. We do have outdoor grounds on the facility, including our outdoor pool deck, that we would expect guests, on the back side as well as in our front area, there is more open space picnic tables, a green space for

families that are looking for some fresh air out in the weather and areas that a bit nicer.

Attorney Scott: Does the liquor license you applies for accommodate that?

Earl Bradford: This is an EF license and an on premise only, they cannot buy a six pack to go.

Attorney Scott: It there anyone here today who would like to speak for or against this application? Seeing none

Chairman Miller: Thank you, Sir

Leanne Schreck (attorney): Just for the record, because the “EF” license requires us to present evidence that there is over a \$35 million investment, I just want to put on the record that the investment in this facility is well over \$250 million. So, I am sure we qualify for

Chairman Miller: I am sure the Sate of Maryland Thanks you. The last thing before I ask for a motion is, “You are driving my grandkids nuts!” Having heard all testimony, and if there are no other questions, I will entertain a motion

Kristen Ortt: I move to approve the Application received from Nadine M. Miracle, Leslie S. Hott, Zhanna Panasenکو, GWR Perryville Beverage, LLC, T/A Great Wolf Lodge, 1240 Chesapeake Overlook Parkway, Perryville, MD 21903 for a new Class “EF” Beer, Wine & Liquor Alcoholic Beverages License pending notification from the Comptrollers Office.

Chairman Miller: having heard a motion for Miss Ortt, do I hear a second?

Bernie Chiominto: Second

Chairman Miller: Having a first from Miss Ortt and a second from Mr. Chiominto, All if favor say Aye

Liquor Board: Unanimously voted to approve the Class “EF” liquor license to GWR Perryville Beverage, LLC T/A Great Wolf Lodge

Chairman Miller: Opposed, (silence) We thank you very much

Lawrence Scott: hearing None the motion passes

Chairman Miller: Hearing None, the motion passes. We wish you all the best of luck in the world. You have brought a lot of excitement to the community.

Nadine Miracle: We will follow up on those items and coordinate a site visit when it is convenient for you. Thank you.

Leanne Schreck (attorney): I am looking, it is interesting the letter from the Controller says that it doesn't match the agenda, but it does.

Chairman Miller: a phone call Any questions or comments?

Lawrence Scott: let me poll the audience.

Chairman Miller: seeing none, alright Now we have minutes to approve. Anyone have any amendments or corrections to the minutes? Thank you Sandy, appreciate it greatly. As there are no amendment or corrections,

Bernie Chiominto: I make a motion, we accept the minutes from the February Meeting

Chairman Miller: having heard a motion from Mr. Chiominto, do I hear a second

Kristen Ortt: second

Chairman Miller: having a second from Miss Ortt, all in favor say I,

Board : Unanimously voted to approve the minutes.

Chairman Miller:: opposed, having heard none, the minutes are approved. Today we have specials.

Earl Bradford: Elkton Alliance – Comedy Dinner on April 1st and Friends Foundation of the Library on May 6th

Chairman Miller: okay the Mayla Conference update

Earl Bradford: The dates have been changed from 11/2/23 – 11/5/23 to 10/14/23 – 10/1723. And just a note, Elk Lanes was not listed but

they have elected to have their license expire and renew at a later date. And we are scrolling through the application for North Bay

Chairman Miller: Any new Business?

Earl Bradford: Anyone who wants to attend the MALA Conference, please let us know as soon as possible.

Chairman Miller: Can I have a motion to adjourn?

Kristen Ortt: Motion to adjourn

Bernie Chiominto: Second

Chairman Miller: having a motion to adjourn and a second, all in favor say Aye

Board: Unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting

Chairman Miller: Motion carries, Meeting is adjourned.

BY:

Stephen Miller, Chairman

ATTEST:
Sandra L. Cumm, Administrative Assistant

