

**MINUTES
COUNTRY FAIR PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

PURPOSE: Hearing for Country Fair to present the request for the transfer of a Restaurant Liquor License from the Borough of North East to the Country Fair, 76 North Main Street, Union City, PA.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by President Brumagin. The public hearing was held at the Union City Area High School LGI Room 105 Concord Street, Union City, PA 16438.

COUNCILORS PRESENT were Brumagin, Hoban, Steadman, McGuire, and Cross. Kolaja was absent.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: were Solicitor Timothy Wachter, Mayor Natalie Wilmoth, and Borough Secretary Cindy Wells.

VISITORS PRESENT: See the sign-in sheet.

The meeting was opened with Paul Rankin, Vice President Retail Marketing, Country Fair, making a presentation. Paul gave a summary of information from the first public hearing on January 2, 2018. He gave reasons why they were not issued a license at that time. He had received phone calls from no less than 20 residents that wanted to be able to purchase alcohol products at Country Fair. They held a "Customer Appreciation Day" in June and acquired 1684 signatures on a petition. The petition was presented to Council. 1162 signatures are from Union City residents and 522 were from people that don't live here but shop here.

Ann Diller an employee of Country Fair who resides in Union City commented what a great employer they are, and she would like to see the license issued.

Mark Racop, owner of Union City Beverage commented that there are different license classifications. Country Fair is requesting the "R" Restaurant license which requires seating for 30 and food. It will allow them to operate as a bar.

Dave Wellman, a resident of Union City stated that he still stands by the statements he made at the previous hearing and is requesting that Council not approve the request by Country Fair.

Dorothy Wellman, a resident of Union City requested council not to approve the request by Country Fair.

Councilor Steadman thanked Country Fair and stated how good their present & past employees are and stated they have a quality business.

A letter was read by Borough Secretary, Cindy Wells, from Kimberly Stine, owner of Kim's Townhouse, opposing the request by Country Fair.

There were no further comments.

It was moved by Councilor Steadman and seconded by Councilor Cross to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.

ATTEST: