



**Carbondale Local Liquor Control Commission
Meeting
Tuesday, August 11, 2026 - 6:00 PM
Civic Center, Room 108
200 South Illinois Avenue**

Visitors are welcome to all meetings of the Local Liquor Control Commission. Please silence electronic devices before entering the City Council Chambers.

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Public Comments**
- 3. General Business of the Local Liquor Control Commission**
 1. Local Liquor Control Commission Minutes from June 9, 2026
 2. Application from The Park, LLC d/b/a The Park for an On-Premises Primary Liquor License with Live Entertainment and Video Gaming Terminals License Riders at 517 South Illinois Avenue.
- 4. Adjournment**



Agenda Item Details

Meeting: August 11, 2026 - Local Liquor Control Commission Meeting
Category: General Business of the Local Liquor Control Commission
Subject: Local Liquor Control Commission Minutes from June 9, 2026
Type: Action
Recommended Action: Approve the minutes from the Local Liquor Control Commission meeting of June 9, 2026
Goals: Goal 3: Demonstrate fiscal responsibility and transparency while providing high-quality City services.
Originating Department: City Clerk

Background:

Additional Information:

Attachments:

1. Local Liquor Control Commission Meeting Minutes 09 June 2026

Motion & Voting: Approve the minutes from the Local Liquor Control Commission meeting of June 9, 2026

Motion by None, seconded by None.

Final Resolution: Motion

Yea: None

Nay: None

Local Liquor Control Commission Meeting June 9, 2026

1. Roll Call

Commissioners present

Commissioner Nathan Colombo, Commissioner Clare Killman, Commissioner Adam Loos, Commissioner Dawn Roberts, Commissioner Brian Stanfield, and Chairperson Carolin Harvey

Commissioners absent

Commissioner Nancy Maxwell

Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM.

2. Public Comments

3. General Business of the Local Liquor Control Commission

1. Local Liquor Control Commission Meeting Minutes April 28, 2026

MOTION: Approve the minutes from the Local Liquor Control Commission meeting of April 28, 2026

Motion by Nathan Colombo, second by Dawn Roberts

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Nathan Colombo, Clare Killman, Adam Loos, Dawn Roberts, Brian Stanfield, Carolin Harvey

2. Still Woods, LLC Change in Ownership and Operational Name Change Request

MOTION: Approve the change in operational name for Still Woods, LLC, from Stillwoods to Oakland Station

Motion by Dawn Roberts, second by Nathan Colombo

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Nathan Colombo, Clare Killman, Adam Loos, Dawn Roberts, Brian Stanfield, Carolin Harvey

3. Application from Carbondale Community Arts, Inc. d/b/a Artspace Southern Illinois - On the Strip for a Not-for-Profit On-Premises Secondary Liquor License at 607 South Illinois Avenue

MOTION: Approve the issuance of a Not-for-Profit On-Premises Secondary liquor license to Carbondale Community Arts, Inc. dba Artspace Southern Illinois - On the Strip, contingent upon receipt of all outstanding items

Motion by Nathan Colombo, second by Dawn Roberts

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yea: Nathan Colombo, Clare Killman, Adam Loos, Dawn Roberts, Brian Stanfield, Carolin Harvey

4. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Local Liquor Control Commission, the meeting was declared adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk

Date



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Type: Action
Recommended Action: Approve the issuance of an On-Premises Primary liquor license with Live Entertainment and Video Gaming Terminals Riders to The Park, LLC dba The Park, contingent upon receipt of all outstanding items; or Approve the issuance of an On-Premises Primary liquor license without one or more of the license riders, contingent upon receipt of all outstanding items; or Deny the On-Premises Primary liquor license based on one or more of the provisions of the liquor code.
Goals: Goal 3: Demonstrate fiscal responsibility and transparency while providing high-quality City services.
Originating Department: City Clerk

Background: Attached is an application from The Park, LLC d/b/a The Park, located at 517 South Illinois Avenue, seeking an On-Premises Primary liquor license with Live Entertainment and Video Gaming Terminals license riders. The sole member of the LLC, Joshua Edwards, currently holds an On-Premises Primary liquor license with live entertainment and beer garden license riders for Levels.

Earlier this year, the City Council adopted a Resolution approving a Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Agreement with Mr. Edwards for code compliance redevelopment project costs reimbursement.

Outstanding Items:

The \$100 application fee has been paid, and the criminal history check did not reveal anything that would preclude the applicant from holding a liquor license. All other items remain outstanding.

Staff's Recommendation: Approve

License classification is appropriate for the operation.

This address has a long history of operating with an equivalent liquor classification.

Additional Information: Liquor Code Provisions:

On-Premises Primary: Sales of alcohol and/or video gaming revenues . . .

2-4-5: PROCEDURE FOR CRITERIA FOR ISSUING A LICENSE:

A. Notice: Upon the filing of an application for a liquor license, the application shall be reviewed by City staff for completeness, accuracy, and recommendation to the Commission; the application will then be considered at the next available Liquor Commission meeting. The applicant shall be notified of the date of said meeting not less than three (3) business days in advance. Failure of the applicant to accept, read, or review the notice, whether provided by mail, email, or telephone, does not constitute improper notification by the Commission.

B. Hearing And Evidence: The Commission shall receive and may require such evidence deemed necessary to make findings based upon the standards and factual criteria set out below and elsewhere in this title.

C. Standards And Factual Criteria: After the hearing, the Commission may grant a liquor license, contingent upon receipt of outstanding items, if it is determined that the grant of the license would not be detrimental to the general welfare of the City. The Commission may deny an application or may require changes to the applicant's plans in order to establish grounds for the issuance of the license if they find that the application meets one or more of the factual criteria listed below.

01. The application does not contain all the information, supporting documents, or fees required by this title.
02. The issuance of the license would be in violation of any part of this title.
03. The applicant does not have sufficient financial assets to maintain the proposed liquor establishment or has demonstrated insufficient financial responsibility.
04. The applicant is a convicted felon who has not been adequately rehabilitated.
05. The issuance of the license can reasonably be expected to create excessive noise, traffic, parking, or litter problems.
06. The applicant has a history of problems with regard to violations of health regulations, laws, and ordinances at prior establishments owned or managed by the applicant.
07. The building in which the applicant seeks to operate does not meet building and zoning code ordinances and regulations.
08. The issuance of the license can reasonably be expected to create a nuisance such as excessive and repeated breaches of the peace.
09. The applicant has previously had a liquor license revoked or suspended in this or any other state or jurisdiction.
10. The applicant is seeking a restaurant license and does not provide sufficient facilities or menu items to operate as a restaurant.

Attachments:

1. The Park (The Park, LLC) - New Liquor License App._Redacted
2. Determinants for Granting or Denying Application for a Liquor License

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Motion by None, seconded by None.

Final Resolution: Motion

Yea: None

Nay: None

Do you want the application to be reviewed by and to meet with the Liquor Advisory Board prior to the application being considered by the Local Liquor Control Commission? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Business Type

Check the applicable box which corresponds to your business' annual filing with the Illinois Secretary of State:

- ☐ Sole Proprietorship
 ☐ Partnership
☒ Limited Liability Company (LLC)
 ☐ Corporation

General Business Information	
Legal Entity Name (Corporation/LLC Name)	The Park LLC
Doing Business As (d/b/a) OR Establishment Name	The Park
Legal Entity Address (Street/City/State/ZIP)	517 S Illinois Ave
Legal Entity Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Legal Entity Email Address	[REDACTED]
Establishment Address	517 S Illinois Ave
Establishment Phone Number	614-589-0665
Establishment Email Address	bigbar614@yahoo.com
*Email Address for ALL City Communications	[REDACTED]
*Note that all City communications related to this Application and/or the resulting license, if approved, will be sent by email to the email address designated for all City communications. It is the responsibility of the business to notify the City of any changes.	

Ownership Information	
Owner/President/LLC Member	JOSHUA EDWARDS
Owner/Vice President/LLC Member	/
Owner/Secretary/LLC Member	/
Owner/Treasurer/LLC Member	/
Additional details (home address and personal identification for purposes of a background check) must be included in the Background Release form attached.	

Authorized Responsible Business Contacts – individuals routinely present at the licensed premises who are designated by the license holder as responsible for the operation of the business whether or not they are on the premises at the time. Contact information cannot be the same as for the physical premises.

Authorized Contact Information (Two Authorized Contacts Required Per City Code)	
First Contact	JOSHUA EDWARDS
Home Address	[REDACTED]
After hours email Address	[REDACTED]
After hours telephone	[REDACTED]
Second Contact	STEVEN HUERTAS
Home Address	[REDACTED]
After hours email Address	[REDACTED]
After hours telephone	[REDACTED]

Business Type

Check the applicable box which corresponds to your business' annual filing with the Illinois Secretary of State:

- ☐ Sole Proprietorship
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Business Owner/Operator: (Please circle or check Yes or No)

I verify that all owners, partners, officers, members, and majority stockholders:

- ☒ Yes ☐ No Are 21 years of age or older
- ☒ Yes ☐ No Have never been convicted of a felony under any Federal or State law (if answering "no", attach information about such felony, when/where it occurred, any evidence demonstrating rehabilitation and mitigating factors, which may assist the Commission in determining whether such conviction would not impair the engagement of the retail sales of alcohol, in accordance with the criteria established in Section 6-2.5 of the Illinois Liquor Control Act of 1934, as amended.)
- ☒ Yes ☐ No Have never been convicted of keeping a place of prostitution or promoting prostitution.
- ☒ Yes ☐ No Have never been convicted of pandering.
- ☒ Yes ☐ No Have not had a license issued under the Illinois Liquor Control Act of 1934, as amended, revoked for cause.
- ☒ Yes ☐ No Have not been convicted of a violation of any Federal or State law concerning the manufacture, possession, or sale of alcoholic liquor, or forfeited their bond to appear in court to answer charges for any such violation. (if answering "no", attach information about such conviction(s),

when/where it occurred, and any evidence which would assist the the Commission in determining whether such violation would impair the individual in engaging in the licensed practice.)

7. ☒ Yes ☐ No Have not been issued a federal wagering stamp, unless authorized to be issued a license under the Raffles and Poker Runs Act or the Illinois Pull Tabs and Jar Games Act.
8. ☒ Yes ☐ No Are eligible to hold a liquor license in accordance with 235 ILCS 5/6-2 of the Illinois Liquor Control Act of 1934, as amended.
9. ☒ Yes ☐ No Are of good character and reputation in the community which they reside and the City of Carbondale
10. ☒ Yes ☐ No Has held or currently holds an Illinois liquor license. If YES, please provide information about past or current liquor licenses.

Levels Carbondale LLC

11. ☐ Yes ☐ No Has not had any fines, suspensions, or revocation of a liquor license. If NO, provide details about the dates, reasons, and lengths of suspension/revocation.

1st letter of Rep over 2 years ago for underage sale

Nature of License:

1. Which Retail Liquor License Classification is being requested (refer to page 2 for classifications)

On Premises Primary

2. Describe the type of establishment to be operated with this license (e.g. restaurant, club, lounge)

Sports Bar / Lounge

3. ☒ Yes ☐ No Will the establishment apply for video gaming licenses from the State and City? (on-premises consumption businesses only)

4. Describe the dimensions of the licensed premises and the control premises. "Control Premises" includes the licensed service premises, parking lots, sidewalks, or other areas adjacent to and utilized by the business and its customers or guests.

Single Floor Roughly 40' wide 80' length

5. Is the premises for which the license is sought owned by the applicant?

☐ Yes ☒ No Attach a deed or lease which is valid for the full period for which the license is to be issued.

6. Provide an **estimate** of the expected percentages which will come from the sale of alcohol, video gaming revenues, the sale of food/non-alcoholic beverages, or "other".

Alcohol	Video Gaming	Food/Non-alcoholic Beverages	Other
65	10	15	10

7. If application is for an On-Premises Restaurant liquor license, describe in detail the equipment to be used for preparing and serving food, and the hours that the kitchen will be open and preparing food.

Impact of Establishment:

1. What are the proposed hours of operation?

Day	Time Open	Closure Time	Time Kitchen Closes
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday	9 PM	2 AM	
Thursday	6 PM	2 AM	
Friday	3 PM	2 AM	
Saturday	11 AM	2 AM	
Sunday	11 AM	midnight	

2. Description of surrounding neighborhood:

Proximity to residential property (approximate distance from nearest residential property)

On Strip

Proximity to schools, churches, public parks (approximate distance from nearest school, church, and public park)

N/A

Proximity to other liquor establishments (approximate distance from the nearest liquor establishment)

50 yards

Proximity to gasoline stations or convenience stores which offer gasoline for sale (approximate distance to the nearest gasoline retailer)

.4 miles

3. Detail the availability of any and all on-street and off-street parking

Front : Back

4. Describe any and all entertainment, amusement devices, and video gaming terminals planned for the establishment

DJ, Bands, TV's, Darts, Shuffle Board, Slots, misc table games

Attachments Needed:

- ☐ Illinois Business Authorization Certificate of Registration from the Department of Revenue
- ☐ Jackson County Health Department Permit
- ☐ Deed for the property or a lease extending through at least December 31 of the license year
- ☐ Certificate of Liability Insurance in an amount not less than that amount annually determined by the Illinois Office of the Comptroller (not the Policy Declaration)
- ☒ Signed Criminal History and Credit Check Release form for all beneficial owners holding more than 5% of the company/corporation
- ☒ Application Fee of \$100.00
- ☒ Signatures by applicant, all partners, members of an LLC, or the president and secretary of a corporation, whichever is applicable (signature lines immediately follow)

Joshua Edwards		6-25-26
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Printed Name

Signature

Date

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Printed Name

Signature

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Date Application Received: 6/20/26

Date Payment Received and Amount: \$125.00
App fee & background 6/20/26



CITY OF CARBONDALE

Liquor License Special Condition – License Rider Application

Submit completed applications and supplemental documents to Carbondale City Clerk's Office, 200 South Illinois Avenue, Carbondale.

Applicant Business: The Park LLC

Sidewalk Restaurant \$25.00 ☐	Outdoor Service \$25.00 ☐
<i>On-Premises Secondary Restaurants located in BPR Zoning – Fee waiver for businesses in Downtown Entertainment District</i>	<i>On-Premises Secondary and On-Premises Secondary Restaurants not located in BPR Zoning</i>
Beer Garden \$100.00 ☐	Package Sales \$25.00 ☐
<i>On-Premises Primary-Use or On-Premises Secondary when outdoor sales located on private property– Fee waiver for businesses in Downtown Entertainment District</i>	<i>On-Premises Primary or Secondary licenses – sales of alcohol in original container or sealed grower/crowler; also cocktails to go per 235 ILCS 5/6-28.8</i>
Amplified Sound \$150.00 ☐	Live Entertainment \$100.00 ☒
<i>Amplified sound in outdoor service spaces or beer garden - Fee waiver for businesses in Downtown Entertainment District</i>	<i>Live entertainment including music, dancing, DJ, or similar acts- Fee waiver for businesses in Downtown Entertainment District</i>
Video Gaming Terminals \$25.00 ☒	Sixteen Plus (Age 16+) Events \$25.00 ☐
<i>Allows video gaming terminals at locations other than video gaming parlors; additional video gaming licensing required</i>	<i>*see information and regulations on page 2; event details must be received no fewer than 7 days prior to event</i>
Catering No Fee ☐	
<i>(requires dramshop certificate of insurance with City as additional insured and coverage at all events held at off-site premises)</i>	

Explanation/Description of how business plans to utilize the endorsement(s) selected above:

Venue will regularly have DJ'S & Bands, Also
once approved we plan on having slot machines.

Submitted By: Joshua Edwards

Signature: [Signature]

Title: Member

Date: 6-25-26

2-4-4: INELIGIBILITY FOR LICENSE:

No license of any class shall be issued to any person to whom issuance of a license is prohibited by section 6-2 of the Illinois Liquor Control Act (235 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/1-1 et seq.), as hereafter in force and as from time to time amended. (Ord. 2021-22)

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D. Conditions On Issuance: If the Commission finds that any change in the applicant's plans is/are needed to create grounds for the issuance of such license, the Commission may require such change(s). A condition on the granting of a license and the failure of the applicant at any time to adhere to or perform such condition shall be considered a violation of this title. (Ord. 2021-22)