

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
AGENDA FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REGUEST BY GIANT EAGLE, INC. T/A GETGO
TO TRANSFER LIQUOR LICENSE # R-12484 TO RESTAURANT LOCATED AT 1599 S. BRADDOCK AVE.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017 7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER Ms. Schaefer
2. ROLL CALL Ms. Bastianini
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. Comments from the floor- addressing Giant Eagle, Inc. t/a GetGo request to transfer liquor license #R-12484 from Baldwin Borough to 1599 S. Braddock Ave.
5. ADJOURNMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

President Schaefer called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following responded: Mr. Bright, Mr. Wainright, Mr. Wilson Mr. Fuller and Ms. Schaefer. Dr. Petrolla arrived at 7:10 pm.

Solicitor Barry was also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

President Schaefer asked for items from the floor to receive public comment on the application by Giant Eagle, Inc. t/a GetGo to transfer liquor license #R-12484 from Baldwin Borough to 1599 S. Braddock Avenue.

Paul Namey – Giant Eagle, Inc.

Mr. Namey presented to Council Giant Eagle's plans to sell alcohol at the new GetGo convenience store being built at 1599 S. Braddock Avenue. He gave a brief history of Giant Eagle, Inc. and Pennsylvania Act 39 of 2016 which allowed stores such as GetGo with restaurant operations to sell alcohol provided that there is separation from the area where liquid fuels are sold. He discussed Giant Eagle's internal training for employees selling alcohol and their security procedures. There are 27 GetGo's selling alcohol and there have been no citations against patrons. Mr. Namey said Giant Eagle is a responsible well-known operator who would not jeopardize their community standards by selling alcohol in an irresponsible way. Hours to purchase alcohol would be per state law –beer sales Monday through Saturday from 7:00 am to 2:00 am and Sunday from 9:00 am to 2:00 am and wine sales Monday through Saturday 7:00 am to 11 pm and Sunday 9:00 am to 11 pm.

Jateen Patel – Edgewood Beer

Mr. Patel said that six years ago, he and his wife opened a beer distributor in Edgewood Towne Centre. He said he has invested a quarter of a million dollars of his own money into the store, and they sell six packs and singles to customers, so he does not believe allowing GetGo to sell alcohol was a matter of customer convenience. He questioned the value of selling alcohol at the same location as gasoline and instead advocated for making beer a destination. He had concerns about drinking and driving and the 24 hour operations of the gas station. Mr. Patel said with a restaurant liquor license, nothing prevented GetGo from selling shots of liquor to customers.

Ms. Schaefer asked about Giant Eagle having two liquor licenses on S. Braddock Avenue. Mr. Fuller asked about the hours alcohol would be sold. Mr. Wilson had concerns about selling beer until 2 am. Dr. Petrolla asked about selling beer until 2 am when the distributor was not allowed to sell that late. Mr. Wilson asked for Chief Payne's opinion about potential public safety impacts. Chief Payne said there have been no calls or disturbances at the Giant Eagle regarding their sale of six packs or on-premise consumption. He also said the Regent Square area of S. Braddock Avenue already has many bars open until 2 am and they do not create issues for the police.

M-1 Ms. Schaefer adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.



Julie P. Bastianini, Borough Manager

