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                BEFORE THE VILLAGE OF BARTLETT
                       PLAN COMMISSION
    IN RE THE MATTER OF:
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    (#15-09) Daniela's Bistro;
    (#15-11) Starbucks; and
    (#15-12) 1580 Hecht Court =
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    Public Hearing.
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                    REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
                         July 9, 2015
                          7:00 P.M.
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                 PROCEEDINGS had and testimony taken
     before the Bartlett Plan Commission of the
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     above-entitled cause taken at the Village Hall,
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     228 South Main Street, Bartlett, Illinois, before
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     LYNN M. EVANS, C.S.R., License #084-003473, a
     Notary Public qualified and commissioned for the
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     State of Illinois.
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     PRESENT:
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        MR. JIM LEMBERG
        MR. MARK HOPKINS
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        MR. TIM RIDENOUR
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        MR. JOHN MIASO
        MR. JERRY KALLAS
       MS. DIANE NEGELE
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        MR. AUSTIN HOPKINS
       MR. SHANE COOK
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     ALSO PRESENT:
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        MR. JIM PLONCZYNSKI, AICP
        MS. ANGELA ZUBKO
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        MS. DIANE FUENTES
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- 1 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Good evening. I would like
- 2 to open the Bartlett Plan Commission today at
- 3 7:02.
- 4 Would the secretary call the roll.
- 5 MS. FUENTES: Jim Lemberg.
- 6 Mark Hopkins.
- 7 MR. M. HOPKINS: Here.
- 8 MS. FUENTES: Tim Ridenour.
- 9 MR. RIDENOUR: Here.
- 10 MS. FUENTES: Jim Miaso.
- Jerry Kallas.
- 12 MR. KALLAS: Here.
- MS. FUENTES: Diane Negele.
- MS. NEGELE: Here.
- MS. FUENTES: Shane Cook.
- 16 MR. COOK: Here.
- MS. FUENTES: Austin Hopkins.
- 18 MR. A. HOPKINS: Here.
- 19 MS. FUENTES: Tom Connor.
- 20 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Next item on the agenda
- 21 is --
- 22 MR. MIASO: You missed me.
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: She said your name, John
- 24 Miaso.

- 1 MR. MIASO: All right. Then I'm here.
- 2 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: The approval of the June 11,
- 3 2015, minutes. Do we have a motion to approve?
- 4 MR. A. HOPKINS: So moved.
- 5 MR. KALLAS: Second.
- 6 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: There is a motion and
- 7 second. Is there any additions or corrections?
- 8 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: I didn't hear who made the
- 9 motion.
- 10 MR. A. HOPKINS: I did.
- 11 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Austin. And who seconded?
- 12 Jerry. Okay.
- MS. FUENTES: Jim Lemberg.
- Mark Hopkins.
- 15 MR. M. HOPKINS: Yes.
- MS. FUENTES: Tim Ridenour.
- 17 MR. RIDENOUR: Yes.
- 18 MS. FUENTES: John Miaso.
- 19 MR. MIASO: Yes.
- 20 MS. FUENTES: Jerry Kallas.
- 21 MR. KALLAS: Yes.
- 22 MS. FUENTES: Diane Negele.
- MS. NEGELE: Yes.
- MS. FUENTES: Shane Cook.

Page 4 MR. COOK: Abstain. 1 MS. FUENTES: Austin Hopkins. 3 MR. A. HOPKINS: Yes. 4 MS. FUENTES: Tom Connor. Nothing. Okay. CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: This evening we have three 6 public hearings; and if anyone in the audience is 7 going to have a comment or any discussion, we have a form to fill out. 9 Jim, are they back there by the clock or at the podium? 10 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: They're on the table at the 11 back. 12 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Back by the clock there? 13 14 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Yeah. CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: So if anyone in the public 15 16 has any comments or any input at all about one of the public hearings that we have, we need for you 17 18 to fill out one of those papers back there and 19 hand it in to Jim. 20 (No. 15-08, Ace Relocation Systems previously 21 transcribed.) 2.2 23 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: All right. The next item

on the agenda then is No. 15-09, Daniela's

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- 1 Bistro, special use permit for serving liquor.
- 2 This also is a public hearing; and, once again,
- 3 if anyone has any comments, input they like, we
- 4 have to fill out one of those little cards.
- Jim, you want to --
- 6 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Yes. We have with us
- 7 tonight a petition for 300 Bartlett Avenue, which
- 8 is in the Cartland building at the northwest
- 9 corner of Bartlett and Hickory Avenue. They are
- 10 asking for two special uses, one is a special use
- 11 to serve liquor and one is for outdoor seating in
- 12 conjunction with a video gaming establishment
- 13 that they would like to put in that space, which
- 14 was the old Station Cleaners. Mr. Peter Zaikowski
- and his wife are the petitioners.
- 16 The video -- the Village board approved
- 17 video gaming on July 17th, 2012. Currently, the
- 18 Village has three video gaming establishments
- 19 that are solely dedicated to just that use. They
- 20 all require a liquor license under the state law.
- 21 We also have video gaming in several existing
- 22 restaurants and bars.
- The petitioner would like to have food
- 24 service with four seats, as well as an

- 1 entertainment area with five gaming stations,
- 2 which is the maximum that's allowed under the
- 3 state law. Total number of seats in the facility
- 4 would be nine with one employee. There will also
- 5 be an outdoor seating area during nice weather
- 6 for patrons who wish to dine and drink outside of
- 7 the facility. The indoor tables will be moved.
- 8 outside during nice weather. There is no outdoor
- 9 gambling allowed. It would stay within the
- 10 facility.
- 11 As I stated, the state video gaming law
- 12 requires a valid liquor license. Therefore, the
- 13 special use. The petitioner has applied for a
- 14 Class A, which is liquor, beer, and wine, to
- 15 serve their patrons. Once the liquor license is
- 16 issued, then the petitioner is able to apply for
- 17 his state gaming license; and, obviously, if the
- 18 state grants him, he'll apply for a village
- 19 gaming license.
- The proposed hours for the video gaming
- 21 would be Sunday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to
- 22 midnight, Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00.
- 23 These hours meet with our -- are within the
- 24 restrictions allowed under the Class A liquor

- 1 license, if it is granted.
- 2 Parking for the Cartland building, which
- 3 this space is part of, has 36 spaces west of the
- 4 building. This use due to the square footage and
- 5 the number of people allowed would be three
- 6 public parking spaces. There are also five
- 7 public parking spaces outside the front of the
- 8 building. There is sufficient parking for this
- 9 use.
- 10 Staff recommends approval of the special
- 11 use for serving liquor in conjunction with the
- 12 video gaming establishment and outdoor seating
- 13 with the conditions and findings of fact as
- 14 stated in your report; and if there aren't any
- 15 questions, the petitioner and his wife are here.
- 16 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Okay. Do we have all the
- 17 public documents?
- 18 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: I do. I have a picture of
- 19 the sign and the certified mail and the
- 20 certification that was in the newspaper. I
- 21 believe you also have a letter of support that
- 22 you might want to mark as an exhibit because that
- 23 came in as separate entity before your packets --
- 24 came in after your packets went out, so we put it

- 1 in front of you, so this one is an extra.
- 2 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Is that a letter from
- 3 Mr. Mostardo?
- 4 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Yes.
- 5 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: What exhibit is that going
- 6 to be?
- 7 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: D.
- 8 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Are there any questions
- 9 from the commission at this time for staff?
- 10 MR. A. HOPKINS: Yes, I have a question for
- 11 Jim. I know we see these when they've come in
- 12 before a lot of people were concerned about
- bringing in a rowdy crowd and bringing in, you
- 14 know, different people to the establishment, to
- 15 the area.
- 16 Has the Bartlett police had any issues
- 17 with the other gaming establishments that are of
- 18 this nature in the town?
- 19 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: To date, as the police chief
- 20 will say, we have not had any issues regarding
- 21 the video gaming establishments that are within
- 22 the Village. It has not increased crime and we
- 23 have not had any problems with them.
- 24 MR. A. HOPKINS: Okay. No -- anybody from the

- 1 Village -- any of the residents have complained
- 2 about any of the other establishments or anything
- 3 that you know of? .
- 4 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: No, not to my knowledge.
- 5 MR. A. HOPKINS: All right. Thank you.
- 6 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Any questions at this time?
- 7 No.
- 8 Is the petitioner here this evening?
- 9 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: Yes.
- 10 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Okay. Can you stand and
- anyone else that's going to be giving testimony?
- 12 Could you raise your right hand and get sworn in?
- 13 (Witness sworn.)
- 14 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you. Would you state
- 15 your name and address, please.
- 16 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: I'm Pete Zaikowski, 1572 Knoll
- 17 Crest Drive, Bartlett, Illinois. My wife and I
- 18 are here today. We're looking to open up
- 19 Daniela's Bistro in downtown Bartlett. We're
- 20 residents of Bartlett. We both have experience
- in the restaurant and bar industry for over 30
- 22 years. We're looking to open a little upscale
- 23 nine-seat bistro. We're trying to bring traffic
- 24 to the downtown area. My wife and I go to the

- 1 downtown area a lot visiting restaurants. We'd
- 2 like to bring more business to the downtown area.
- 3 I think this will be a value add for the city.
- 4 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Okay. Any of the members
- 5 have any questions for the petitioner?
- 6 MR. RIDENOUR: Well, I think you answered one
- 7 of my questions. It's just nine seats?
- 8 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: Yeah.
- 9 MR. RIDENOUR: Are you planning on any changes
- 10 to the exterior of the building?
- 11 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: No. The only thing we plan on
- 12 changing is adding an awning, a different colored
- 13 awning, and then a little fence around the
- 14 outside to put the tables in.
- MR. RIDENOUR: Are there seats == there is no
- 16 seats around the bar then even?
- MR. ZAIKOWSKI: No, there is no bar. It's
- 18 just a countertop. Has the five seats for the
- 19 gaming. There is a little bistro. It's a
- 20 separated area for the gaming and then the
- 21 restaurant area. There will be two tables with
- 22 two chairs each. In the nice weather, we will
- 23 move those outside; so if any patrons want to sit
- 24 outside and have a sandwich or a martini, they

- 1 can do so.
- 2 MS. NEGELE: I had a question. You say the
- 3 total number of seats will be nine with one
- 4 employee. Is that besides you or your wife and
- 5 one employee or is there just one person?
- 6 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: One person. Either myself, my
- 7 wife, or one of the employees.
- 8 MR. A. HOPKINS: So with the -- so four
- 9 seats -- there is nine total seats, five of them
- 10 being the gaming station and four seats. Once
- 11 you move those tables outside for nice weather
- 12 and those five stations are taken up on the
- inside and somebody comes in for a beer, glass of
- 14 wine, what do they do?
- MR. ZAIKOWSKI: If they want to sit inside?
- 16 MR. A. HOPKINS: If all the seats are taken up
- 17 and you have extra people --
- 18 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: We'll have to turn them away.
- 19 MR. A. HOPKINS: All right. Is there any
- 20 plans to have additional seats? Can it not fit
- 21 additional seats in there?
- 22 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: Depending on -- in that
- 23 establishment, we can't == we tried to fit a
- 24 second washroom. It's just too tight. It's only

- 1 700-square foot. That area is really tight.
- 2 Putting a second bathroom would be very difficult.
- 3 If it gets to the point -- I don't see us being
- 4 that busy where we're going to have 20 people at
- 5 a time. If it was to get to that point, we had
- 6 that high of a demand, we would come back to the
- 7 city and look at adding a second washroom to add
- 8 more chairs. For right now, we don't anticipate
- 9 more than nine people at a time.
- 10 MR. A. HOPKINS: And then as far as security,
- 11 do you plan on having cameras on the exterior of
- 12 the building?
- 13 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: Yes.
- 14 MR. A. HOPKINS: One last question. I've
- 15 asked this of all the other owners that have come
- in to -- that wanted to put this establishment
- in. If you weren't granted a liquor license,
- 18 would you be looking at opening a different
- 19 business there or pursuing some type of something
- 20 else?
- 21 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: In that location, no.
- 22 MR. A. HOPKINS: Thank you.
- 23 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Any other questions from
- 24 the members?

1 Okay. At this time, I would like to open

- 2 up to the public. Is there anyone there -- okay.
- 3 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Kevin Vanderwater.
- 4 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Could you state your name
- 5 and address, please.
- 6 MR. VANDERWATER: I'm Kevin Vanderwater.
- 7 109 South Oak Avenue, Bartlett, Illinois. I just
- 8 looked at the plan. I got sent a mail whatever;
- 9 and you can see that there is five gaming seats
- 10 and four seats to have a drink with your friends,
- 11 so it's -- to me this is a gaming establishment
- 12 and with its primary -- there is only one person
- 13 they could -- there is not much -- there is not
- 14 much more than a gaming establishment from what I
- 15 see and that concerns me.
- I live in walking distance of this place,
- 17 and I just do not see this as a benefit to
- 18 Bartlett. You can't just go with your buddies
- 19 over there and -- the odds are you can't go.
- 20 There is not going to be enough room. You're
- 21 better off going to the Assembly in Schaumburg,
- 22 wherever that is.
- 23 Anyway, I just don't see anything good
- 24 with this and I'll just voice my concern. If

- 1 they don't get the gaming license, they're out of
- 2 the business because it's not set up for a bar.
- 3 It's set up for a gaming experience. That's all
- 4 I have to say.
- 5 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Okay. Thank you.
- 6 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Diane Rocha.
- 7 MS. ROCHA: I'm Diane Rocha, 315 West North
- 8 Avenue, and one thing that really concerns me is
- 9 the location. We're next to a medical building
- 10 where they're proposing this, so you have
- 11 children, you have elderly, you have adults
- 12 coming and going. Around the corner we have the
- 13 bike shop. Again, we have a lot of children
- 14 around there. We also have the Metra train
- 15 exiting there.
- 16 My daughter is going to be going to
- 17 Columbia College taking the train. She's
- 18 terrified of this coming in because she doesn't
- 19 want to worry about what type of people are going
- 20 to be there. You're getting off the train.
- 21 Sometimes she'll be coming home late at night, so
- 22 that's a big concern for me.
- And, also, we have 2Toots in town. They
- 24 wanted to put a gaming establishment there and

- 1 they said no because that's a family restaurant.
- Well, what about the bike shop? What about the
- 3 medical building next door? To me this is just
- 4 another way to get a gambling establishment in
- 5 town.
- We also have a big traffic problem. We
- 7 live on North Avenue. We're the cut-through
- 8 street. We've been here complaining before.
- 9 Nothing gets down. I have semis coming down my
- 10 street. I have moving vehicles. I have Ace. I
- 11 have all sorts of traffic constantly. To me this
- 12 is just going to add more cut-through traffic
- 13 through our town. It's great for them because
- 14 it's a great location because of all the traffic
- 15 that bypasses the downtown area to cut through by
- 16 us.
- So I don't see this as win-win for the
- 18 Village. I see it as win-win for the gaming
- 19 establishment, so I hope you will not consider
- 20 them. Thank you.
- 21 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you.
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Mark Materne.
- MR. MATERNE: Hello. My name is Mark Materne.
- 24 I live at 329 West North Avenue. I was looking

- 1 at the plans for this. This is nothing more than
- 2 a thinly veiled attempt to have video gambling in
- 3 the city of Bartlett. I really don't see what
- 4 community service this provides. If it was more
- 5 of a restaurant as it's primary more business
- 6 that had video gaming on the side, I would be
- 7 less against this, but from what I can see, this
- 8 is just video gambling, pure and simple. It's
- 9 such a small restaurant. I'm not sure if you
- 10 wanted to get in you could get in because it's so
- 11 small.
- 12 I just don't really see the need. Plus
- 13 the location isn't, I don't think, good because
- 14 you're right next to a bicycle shop, you're right
- 15 next to a medical clinic. You know, if I had
- 16 small kids, it might be a problem.
- 17 I'm also concerned about the noise. It's
- 18 open till 2:00 a.m., I believe, on the weekends.
- 19 You know, I live two blocks from it and I don't
- 20 want to be hearing noise from it. It's so small
- 21 that it may not be a problem, but, you know, who
- 22 knows. I mean, it's a nice quiet neighborhood.
- 23 I enjoy it, but I don't see how this is really
- 24 serving an interest to Bartlett. Thank you very

- 1 much for your consideration.
- 2 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you.
- 3 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Melissa Troyke.
- 4 MS. TROYKE: Hi. I too live only one block
- 5 away from this location and feel it is just too
- 6 close to homes. Are any of the other video
- 7 establishments or gaming or gambling
- 8 establishments this close, one block, one
- 9 building away from residents? How many of them;
- 10 and is it the back of their buildings or the
- 11 front of their buildings?
- 12 Our community is just starting to get
- 13 young kids again. Most of us are older and we're
- 14 getting to see new people move in and what do we
- 15 get, gambling and drinking one block from our
- 16 homes. I'm totally disgusted to think that this
- 17 is what this village needs to get any money, and
- 18 that's what I see this as. So close to homes and
- 19 children. What does it benefit? Can any one of
- 20 you tell me, except for monetarily, that this
- 21 would add to our community, to the old part of
- 22 Bartlett? Can any one of you?
- Next door to me are two young children.
- 24 They're cute as can be. I certainly wouldn't

- 1 want to see some drunk walk down the street. My
- 2 father was an alcoholic. I have no tolerance for
- 3 it. None; and I find this totally unbelievable
- 4 that this -- that close to homes is something --
- 5 with five seats for gambling. I never thought of
- 6 the village of Bartlett as simply a moneymaker.
- We have more forest preserve and we pay
- 8 good taxes and this is what our village planners
- 9 and commissioners and people that live in our
- 10 community, whether you live on our side of town
- 11 or not -- it's a sad statement, it truly is, that
- 12 gambling and liquor that close is really what we
- 13 want, what you feel is better for our community.
- 14 I'm very sorry to hear that this is what you
- 15 would even consider to be of value and good thing
- 16 for us. Thank you.
- 17 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Gary Plice.
- 18 MR. PLICE: Hi. Gary Plice, 128 South Hickory,
- 19 and I am effectively half a block because that's
- 20 the only distance that's involved between myself
- 21 and this location. I've been here 35 years. I
- 22 can recall when we first moved in there was a hot
- 23 dog stand in that location. I wouldn't object to
- 24 a hot dog stand being back there again. That's

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1 not a problem. I don't have a problem with a
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- 2 restaurant. I don't particularly have a problem
- 3 with drinking or gambling per se. They certainly
- 4 can exist, and I think gambling has certainly
- 5 added some much needed revenue to the village in
- 6 the locations where it currently exists.
- Given that, those current locations are
- 8 all in shopping centers, in high traffic areas
- 9 like Route 59, Army Trail Road. Those are the
- 10 areas where these currently exist and it's a good
- 11 valid use in those kinds of locations. In the
- 12 middle of a quiet neighborhood, not so much,
- 13 especially as one of our previous commenters
- 14 noted here that the primary purpose of this
- 15 establishment really is the five gambling
- 16 stations.
- One person serving liquor, serving food,
- 18 whatever food can be served by one person, making
- 19 sure they can keep change, keep security, all the
- 20 rest of it, it does not seem to me to be viable.
- The Village board previously rejected a
- 22 gaming establishment that wanted to go into the
- 23 town center. I would be in favor of something in
- 24 the town center. That's made for this sort of a

- 1 thing, for putting in retail establishments like
- 2 that, but -- you know, if you're trying to draw
- 3 people to that location, this location I don't
- 4 think so. I would request that you deny the
- 5 permit. Thank you.
- 6 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you.
- 7 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: John Holm.
- 8 MR. HOLM: Hi. John Holm, 230 West Oneida. I
- 9 live right across from Gary. I'm basically half
- 10 a block away from the establishment, and I just,
- 11 you know, after reviewing the plans and looking
- 12 at it, I think you just call it what it is. It's
- 13 a gambling and drinking establishment. It's got
- 14 a five-by-six-foot kitchen that I don't think you
- 15 can even really make much in. It doesn't appear
- 16 to be a kind of place that anybody can stop in
- 17 and have food and converse. It's more just
- 18 qambling. I mean, if you're not gambling, you're
- 19 basically waiting for a place to gamble.
- 20 I just don't feel it belongs in a
- 21 residential neighborhood. I would much rather
- see something beneficial or a neighborhood go in
- 23 there that -- people in the neighborhood can
- 24 enjoy and use. I don't drink. I don't gamble,

- 1 so obviously I won't be there, but -- I don't
- 2 know anyone who does, but I would much rather see
- 3 something that people could enjoy more in the
- 4 neighborhood. This is going to collect people
- 5 from the train station that are going to stop in
- 6 and gamble and drink, and that's basically what
- 7 it's going to be.
- 8 The only thing with the outdoor, I don't
- 9 know how many people may end up out there. If
- 10 people come in and, you know, eventually you got
- 11 two tables with four seats out there, eventually
- 12 if you end up with a dozen people out there
- 13 drinking, it's going to be a little chaotic. I
- 14 just don't think it belongs in a residential
- 15 neighborhood. Thank you.
- 16 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you.
- 17 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: That's all that have filled
- 18 out the forms.
- 19 MS. FREDRICKSON: I filled out a form.
- 20 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: What's your name?
- 21 MS. FREDRICKSON: Pamela Fredrickson.
- 22 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Okay. You did. Pamela
- 23 Fredrickson. Must have got stuck.
- 24 MS. FREDRICKSON: Hi. This is the first time

- 1 I've been before the plan commission. Can you
- 2 show the diagram again of the inside of the
- 3 establishment, please? Thank you.
- 4 My name is Pamela Fredrickson Schilling.
- 5 I live at 111 South Hickory, about a block and a
- 6 half away. You don't have a diagram of how close
- 7 that is to the rest of the residents? Okay.
- 8 Thanks. Yeah, everything north of that is
- 9 residential homes. The railroad station, which
- 10 ,we worked really hard to preserve as a city
- 11 historic monument, is just -- just south of that
- 12 building site right there. Yeah, it's right
- 13 there. So sandwiched between the historical,
- 14 child-friendly train station and these lovely,
- old Victorian old original homes of Bartlett you
- 16 want to put in a gambling establishment, which is
- 17 just exactly what this is. We have three others,
- 18 Shelby's, Betty's and, I think, Stella's is the
- 19 name of the third one. I'm not a hundred percent
- 20 sure.
- 21 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: That's right.
- MS. FREDRICKSON: All located, as someone else
- 23 said, in commercial areas. I have no problem
- 24 with gambling. I have no problem with drinking.

- 1 I'm thinking they're both just fine whoever wants
- 2 to do that. I have a problem with it in my
- 3 neighborhood; and I would like to see the people
- 4 interested in putting this kind of establishment
- 5 in my neighborhood, I would like to see them put
- 6 this kind of establishment in their own
- 7 neighborhoods because this will change the values
- 8 of our property, it will change the safety of our
- 9 neighborhood, it will change the noise level in
- 10 our neighborhood, and I for one won't hesitate to
- 11 call the police if the noise level is too high.
- 12 I think that the gentleman,
- 13 Mr. Plonczynski, had mentioned there were several
- 14 other of these establishments in areas, in
- 15 restaurants in the village of Bartlett. That
- 16 number according to this article in the village
- in the Bartlett Examiner is six, so we have six
- 18 video gambling units or restaurants with video
- 19 gambling and then we have three freestanding
- 20 establishments for a total of nine.
- 21 The other thing that I notice in this
- 22 article is that it said that this has been
- 23 discussed by the board in Bartlett in the past
- 24 and that they decided to hold off making a

- decision, so my request tonight is that instead
- 2 of making a decision to approve this special use,
- 3 I would request you delay that decision until you
- 4 find out what the village of Bartlett is going to
- 5 do. . ,
- 6 There are a couple of lawsuits in court
- 7 right now. One of them is to give municipalities
- 8 the authority to limit the number of video gaming
- 9 licenses, and I think it would be better, or more
- 10 prudent, to make sure this decision is made after
- 11 that decision is made.
- 12 I've lived here in Bartlett since 1992. I
- 13 lived in Roselle before then, and I thought I'd
- 14 never love Bartlett as I came to love Roselle,
- and I do, and I've very, very concerned about
- 16 this. Why we need more gambling in the village
- 17 of Bartlett, in our little quiet residential area,
- 18 is just beyond me. I don't understand it, and I
- 19 did have another thought, and I've just lost it.
- I guess the other thing is looking at how
- 21 far these establishments are from each other.
- 22 The one that just opened on 59 is right at the
- 23 Blockbuster video store. I think there are
- 24 some -- I don't know if there is any in the

- 1 liquor store in the downtown Bartlett area, but I
- 2 think there is others that are in very close
- 3 proximity to this one.
- I appreciate the other residents who said
- 5 that this is a gambling establishment. It's not
- 6 a food establishment. I think I read in the
- 7 plans that they plan to hire one bartender at
- 8 \$20,000 a year and that concerns me for the
- 9 standpoint of security and the standpoint of, you
- 10 know, people being able to maintain order when
- 11 they're in a situation like that.
- So I appreciate your listening and thank
- 13 you for giving me the time.
- 14 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you.
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: That was the last one.
- 16 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: That was the last?
- 17 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Yes.
- 18 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Would the petitioner like
- 19 to address any of the concerns?
- 20 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: Sure. I appreciate everything
- 21 that everyone said and your concerns. My wife
- 22 and I do live in town. We love Bartlett. We
- 23 like visiting downtown all the time. We plan on
- 24 making this an upscale -- There is only nine

- 1 seats. I know you're concerns about noise and
- 2 volume. There is only four people allowed
- 3 outside. There is not going to be a whole lot of
- 4 noise. We plan on closing the outside at 10:00
- 5 at night anyways. It's not going to be open till
- 6 the late hours like we plan on being open till
- 7 midnight during the week. The outside will be
- 8 closed at 10:00. We care about the community.
- 9 We do not want ruckuses. We've done research.
- 10 There's -- if you've gone into Stella's or
- 11 Betty's or the other ones, there is never more
- 12 than four, five people in there at any one time
- 13 anyways.
- 14 We will do everything in our power to make
- 15 this an elegant little bistro. We do plan on
- 16 serving a nice little restaurant. My wife and I
- 17 love food. We love making little specialty
- 18 items. We've already talked to the people at the
- 19 medical center. A lot of the girls and nurses in
- there are excited that we're going to be serving
- 21 lunch so they can go right next door and grab
- 22 food.
- I understand everything you're saying, and
- 24 I just can't tell you enough that we live in this

- 1 town. We're not going to try to make it something
- 2 that's going to upset you guys. We'll be happy
- 3 to work with you. If anything happens, we'll be
- 4 more than happy to work with the city or you guys
- 5 to make this a better place. My wife and I plan
- 6 on getting involved with the community. I
- 7 understand it is a gambling establishment and most
- 8 of our money will be made from gambling. We plan
- 9 on getting involved with the community; charity
- 10 events, you know, the sports teams, you know
- 11 sponsoring, getting involved more with the
- 12 community, if we can, so I hope that helps so you
- 13 understand where we're coming from. Thank you.
- 14 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Anyone else in the audience
- 15 have a question or comment?
- 16 Come up to the podium, please. State your
- 17 name and address.
- 18 MR. ROCHA: My name is Joe Rocha. I live at
- 19 315 West North Avenue, basically the block away,
- 20 and to be honest there is a -- isn't there a
- 21 video gambling right across the street, right
- 22 across the tracks already at Papa -- whatever it
- 23 is.
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: There used to be. They have

- 1 closed. They're not open anymore.
- 2 MR. ROCHA: Okay. That didn't last long. My
- 3 real concern, and everybody else brought this up,
- 4 is we live a block away. We've been here since
- 5 1982. I've known all these folks for a long
- 6 time, and this really is upsetting that this town
- 7 is turning into a Pottersville, if you will. We
- 8 don't need this. There has got to be other ways
- 9 of bringing in revenue. It's just upsetting. I
- 10 would appreciate it if you would either postpone
- 11 this vote or vote against it. All right.
- 12 Thanks.
- 13 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you. Is there anyone
- 14 else?
- MR. PLICE: One more little addition, if I
- 16 may. I spoke earlier. From a history point of
- 17 view -- Gary Plice, 128 South Hickory.
- 18 From a history point of view, I'm past
- 19 president of the Bartlett Historical Society,
- 20 been involved in Bartlett's history for -- ever
- 21 since we moved here. The section we're talking
- 22 about here, this whole area is part of the
- 23 original Luther Bartlett subdivision that was
- 24 established in 1873 after the railroad came

- 1 through and got part of Luther's 40-acre wood lot
- 2 in order to a put the railroad through in the
- 3 first place.
- 4 Luther was very much against liquor. He
- 5 hated the whole concept. He was one of the early
- 6 ones campaigning for temperance, and attached to
- 7 the deed to my home, and indeed many of them in
- 8 the area, there was an absolute codicil
- 9 forbidding the sale of liquor. That was Luther's
- 10 wish at the time that he established this thing.
- 11 Everything south of the tracks was allowed to
- 12 have liquor. That's where the first taverns were
- 13 established, but you notice there was nothing
- 14 north of the tracks because that was Luther's
- 15 area and he didn't allow it. I don't even know
- 16 for sure whether those codicils still exist for
- 17 these properties, but it might be something that
- 18 ought to be looked into, that -- in that
- 19 particular area in the original Luther Bartlett
- 20 subdivision there was to be no liquor stands,
- 21 period. Something to think about.
- 22 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you. Okay. At this
- 23 time I close the public hearing.
- 24 Members of the commission have any

- 1 questions for the petitioner or staff?
- 2 MS. NEGELE: I have one. Is this -- was this
- 3 your business plan because it says here in the
- 4 company description that the bistro will seat 15.
- 5 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: When we originally set up that
- 6 plan, we were trying to get -- lock in the
- 7 location next to Savoury. There was a cleaners
- 8 over there and to press for time we didn't amend
- 9 for everything. I thought I got everything on
- 10 that sheet. When we originally came to talk to
- 11 the city, we were trying to open up over there,
- 12 and there we would have had more seats and I
- 13 might not have just changed that. I'm sorry.
- 14 MR. KALLAS: Jim, how much revenue is coming
- in from these little gambling places?
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: About \$100,000 a year total,
- 17 give or take a few. It's running pretty
- 18 consistently. Now, we just had one close, so
- 19 that could drop a little bit, but it's probably
- 20 going about \$12,000 a month.
- MR. KALLAS: Okay. The other small bistros,
- 22 or whatever you call them, how many seats do they
- 23 have in there for serving, you know --
- MR. PLONCZYNSKI: They vary. I mean, all of

- 1 them that are freestanding have the five video
- 2 games because they've all maxed their state
- 3 limit, and then some of them have a bigger space,
- 4 so they have more free seating to do -- you know,
- 5 to eat or to -- they all offer, like, WiFi.
- 6 People go there to have coffee or sit, but
- 7 depends on the size. There are some that are
- 8 1200 square feet. There is one that's probably
- 9 like 1500 square feet, so the bigger ones,
- 10 they're almost twice the size of what Peter wants
- 11 to do, so they do have more seating and they are
- 12 in shopping centers, as Mr. Plice said.
- 13 MR. KALLAS: I know where they are. When we
- 14 first started this, I was against them coming in
- 15 to begin with. This being so small, and as the
- 16 people say, and I have to agree, that it's just a
- 17 gambling place.
- 18 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: It is.
- 19 MR. KALLAS: Don't name it a bistro because I
- 20 mean, with four chairs, come on. It's just a
- 21 gambling place, that's all it is; and I -- I just
- 22 wish the Village board would get their act
- 23 together and limit how many liquor licenses they
- 24 give.

- 1 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Currently they cannot do
- 2 that. As that lady stated, she's absolutely
- 3 right, there is a lawsuit pending that could
- 4 allow a limiting number of gaming establishments,
- 5 but right now that doesn't exist. It's -- the
- 6 only limiting factor is a liquor license, so if a
- 7 community decides not to issue a liquor license,
- 8 you cannot get a gaming license.
- 9 MR. KALLAS: That I totally understand. I
- 10 don't know -- you know, I made the comment once
- 11 before that got me into trouble, and I'm going to
- 12 make the comment again, Bartlett is getting to be
- 13 a small Las Vegas, gambling every place and --
- 14 it's helping us financially, I understand, but
- 15 again, you know -- you know, I just wish the
- 16 liquor license were stopped and these people
- 17 couldn't do it anymore.
- 18 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Any other comments?
- 19 MR. M. HOPKINS: You know, my vote is going to
- 20 be based upon disagreeing with the findings of
- 21 fact items one and two. So item one says,
- 22 proposed video gaming establishment serving liquor
- 23 and outdoor -- outdoor seating at 300 Bartlett
- 24 Avenue is desirable. I disagree with that; and

1 will provide a service and facility which is in

- 2 the interest of public convenience and will
- 3 contribute to the general welfare of the
- 4 community. I disagree with that.
- 5 Item two says, that this use will not
- 6 under the circumstances of the particular case be
- detrimental to the health, safety, morals, or
- 8 general welfare of persons residing or working
- 9 within the vicinity or be injurious to property
- 10 value or improvement in the vicinity. I disagree
- 11 with that finding of fact also.
- 12 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Okay. Any other comments?
- 13 Questions? No?
- 14 MR. COOK: I have one question. In terms of
- the outside elevation, I didn't see any plans for
- 16 the outside elevation, just a rehash of the
- 17 current tenant.
- 18 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: Outside --
- 19 MR. COOK: Your outside elevation plans.
- 20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: New awning he's going
- 21 to put on, and that's it.
- MR. COOK: I want to hear it from the
- 23 petitioner.
- 24 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: I don't understand what you're

- 1 looking for.
- MR. COOK: What's going to change?
- 3 MR. ZATKOWSKT: We're just going to put fencing
- 4 around the outside so that people will be
- 5 segmented if they come out with a drink from the
- 6 general public. That yellow area will be a black
- 7 fence. I think it's in your packet, the fence we
- 8 were looking at, to put around there so we can
- 9 segment the people that out there, the alcohol
- 10 from the people walking on the sidewalk.
- 11 MR. COOK: Are you putting up a new awning
- 12 or --
- 13 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: We're just going to change the
- 14 color of the awning. We're putting up a new dark
- 15 blue awning that just says Daniela's, that's it.
- 16 MR. COOK: And is there outdoor lighting?
- 17 MR. ZAIKOWSKI: The lights that are there
- 18 right now, we are planning on doing two bullet
- 19 lights on each side going up and down, that's it.
- 20 MR. COOK: Okay.
- 21 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: I'll be looking for a
- 22 motion then to approve the special use permits,
- 23 A, to serve liquor and, B, for outdoor seating in
- 24 conjunction with a video gaming establishment

- 1 along with following conditions and findings of
- 2 fact.
- 4 MR. KALLAS: So moved.
- 5 MR. RIDENOUR: Second.
- 6 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Any further discussion?
- 7 Secretary call the roll.
- 8 MS. FUENTES: John Miaso.
- 9 MR. MIASO: Yes.
- 10 MS. FUENTES: Tim Ridenour.
- 11 MR. RIDENOUR: No.
- 12 MS. FUENTES: Mark Hopkins.
- 13 MR. M. HOPKINS: No.
- 14 MS. FUENTES: Jerry Kallas.
- MR. KALLAS: No.
- 16 MS. FUENTES: Diane Negele.
- 17 MS. NEGELE: No.
- 18 MS. FUENTES: Shane Cook.
- 19 MR. COOK: Yes.
- 20 MS. FUENTES: Austin Hopkins.
- 21 MR. A. HOPKINS: No.
- 22 MS. FUENTES: Motion denied.
- 23 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Okay. Motion denied then,
- 24 so you'll have to go between the trustees for the

- 1 next --
- 2 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: This will be forwarded on to
- 3 the Village board committee without a positive
- 4 recommendation from the plan commission.
- 5 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you.
- 6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you very much.
- 7 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Next item on our agenda is
- 8 item 15-11, Starbucks, special use permit serving
- 9 beer and wine. It's also a public hearing. If
- 10 anyone has any question or comment, I ask that
- 11 you fill out that form; and, Angela, we have all
- 12 the documents, public hearing?
- MS. ZUBKO: Yes, we do.
- 14 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Notifications. We do.
- 15 Okay. Would you like --
- 16 MS. ZUBKO: All right. The property is
- 17 located at 1681 South Illinois Route 59, which is
- 18 the northeast corner of Route 59 and Army Trail
- 19 Road. The Starbucks is located in The Shops at
- 20 Far Hills shopping center and includes a drive-up
- 21 facility and outdoor seating for Starbucks.
- 22 They've been there in that location since 1999
- 23 and just completed a renovation, slash, update.
- 24 Along with proposing to offer beer and wine for

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1 their patrons, they will also be serving a new
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- 2 evening menu.
- A 36-inch fence around the existing outdoor
- 4 seating area is required for outdoor liquor
- 5 service and they must maintain an accessible
- 6 pedestrian walkway between the enclosure and the
- 7 parking stalls. The fence location is included
- 8 on both the floor plan and the fence and outdoor
- 9 seating plan. There is also a fence detail
- 10 provided along -- provided including the size and
- 11 materials.
- 12 Starbucks is currently open Monday through
- 13 Saturday from 4:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. and Sunday
- 14 from 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Starbucks
- 15 evening menu would start at 2:00 p.m. and be
- 16 served until regular closing hours which are
- 17 proposed to actually change to 11:00 p.m. Sunday
- 18 through Thursday and midnight Friday and
- 19 Saturday.
- 20 They are -- there are currently seven
- 21 Chicagoland locations open that serve beer and
- 22 wine with their evening menu and there are 37
- 23 locations throughout the United States.
- 24 Staff does recommend approval of the

- 1 special use for serving beer and wine as requested
- 2 with the following conditions and findings of
- 3 fact as outlined in the staff's report and the
- 4 petitioners are here.
- 5 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you. Members have
- 6 any questions of staff at this time?
- 7 Is the petitioner here this evening?
- 8 MR. POWELL: Yes.
- 9 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Can you stand, please, and
- 10 anyone else that's going to give testimony.
- 11 Raise your right hand, please.
- 12 (Witness sworn.)
- 13 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Okay. Would you like to
- 14 make a statement at the podium. Name and
- 15 address, please.
- 16 MR. POWELL: Good evening. My name is Harlan
- 17 Powell. I'm, actually, the attorney representing
- 18 Starbucks with regard to their efforts to obtain
- 19 the liquor license for this location, and with me
- 20 I have Miss Emily Shook. My address is 320 West
- 21 Ohio, Chicago, Illinois.
- MS. SHOOK: Emily Shook. I'm with Starbucks.
- 23 I'm the district manager for the store in
- 24 Bartlett. I'm at 501 Locust in Geneva.

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1 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Okay. Do you have anything
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- 2 you would like to add, other than what staff had?
- 3 MS. SHOOK: Not much to add. I think he did a
- 4 good job of recapping that. We do have a staff
- 5 typically at that time -- you know, in the alcohol
- 6 service, we would have five, what we call,
- 7 partners or employees working. It is limited
- 8 beer and wine selection. It has more to do with
- 9 the food than the beer and wine. We typically
- 10 sell at most around 12 or 15 units per day of
- 11 beer and wine. It is ultimately more about the
- 12 food than the beer and wine.
- 13 MR. POWELL: And if I may just add, with
- 14 regard to the establishments here in the state of
- 15 Illinois that have been issued licenses in other
- 16 jurisdictions, this started approximately two
- 17 years ago as a pilot program in the city of
- 18 Chicago. It's expanding now into the suburban
- 19 areas; and in the time that -- since the time
- 20 they have introduced the evening program, they've
- 21 had no issues at any location that have been
- 22 equipped with a license, no allegations of
- 23 wrongdoing, no citations for illegal service, no
- 24 liquor to minor issues, what have you. It's been

- 1 a fairly non-issue in terms of its introduction
- into the communities where they've chosen to go.
- 3 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Staff have any questions or
- 4 staff for the petitioner?
- 5 MR. RIDENOUR: You stated that you only expect
- 6 to serve 12 to 15 drinks per evening?
- 7 MR. POWELL: My understanding is that's,
- 8 actually, even a generous percentage. As
- 9 Miss Shook stated, what this is really about is
- 10 attempting to extend the business hours at
- 11 locations where Starbucks has traditionally seen
- 12 very high numbers in the early morning,
- 13 mid-morning, maybe even into the early afternoon
- 14 hours, and then suddenly this high-performing
- 15 location suddenly drops down to practically, you
- 16 know, nothing. The focus is very much on the
- 17 food items, the new menu. This includes
- 18 flatbreads, small shareable plates, cheese plates,
- 19 tapas-type items.
- The idea is that the same demographics
- 21 that uses Starbucks as a meeting place during the
- 22 earlier parts of the day will now see this as a
- 23 viable alternative to come in the afternoon, in
- 24 the early and into mid evening portion of the

- 1 day, but alcoholic beverage sales themselves are
- 2 not the primary focus of what's trying to be
- 3 accomplished here; and so to this end, Starbucks
- 4 does not propose to advertise alcoholic beverage
- 5 sales in local newspapers. There will be no
- 6 specials advertised in the windows, no neons,
- 7 what have you. No installation of televisions or
- 8 anything that would turn this into a tavern-type
- 9 environment. The look and feel of the location
- 10 will remain very much the same with the only
- 11 exception being that the signage would now be
- 12 rebranded from the green and white logo that
- 13 you're used to seeing into a black and white
- 14 logo. Other than that, there really should be no
- 15 tangible difference in the user experience, if
- 16 you will.
- MR. COOK: You mention this a pilot program
- 18 for Starbucks. Is it a continuing pilot at this
- 19 point? It's been in place for two years now.
- 20 MR. POWELL: Let me clarify. It initially
- 21 started as a pilot program here in Chicago and, I
- 22 think, two other markets, Atlanta and one other
- 23 market I can't remember off the top of my head.
- 24 Chicago was the initial pilot program area.

- 1 After reviewing performance at the stores
- 2 where they had chosen to go in that pilot program
- 3 basis, they realized that the concept was viable,
- 4 had legs, and they're now in a second phase where
- 5 it's rolling out on a wider basis.
- 6 MR. MIASO: Where are your locations at in
- 7 Chicago that serve liquor?
- 8 MR. POWELL: There is one located at Diversey
- 9 and Sheffield, another at State and Ohio, a third
- 10 on South Michigan Avenue. I can't remember the
- 11 cross street.
- MS. SHOOK: We have Oak and Rush, which is the
- 13 largest store downtown, and then we also have
- 14 Burr Ridge.
- MR. COOK: What about Streets of Woodfield.
- 16 MS. SHOOK: And Streets of Woodfield, I'm
- 17 sorry, in Schaumburg.
- 18 MS. NEGELE: So does the black and white color
- on the logo depict that that's one that serves
- 20 alcohol?
- 21 MS. SHOOK: Currently, yes. That's the
- 22 indicator externally that the store is an evening
- 23 store.
- MS. NEGELE: You're not going to have any

- 1 other signs outside, like signage, that says it?
- 2 MS. SHOOK: No. On the -- there is a cling or
- 3 kind of like a sticker on the doors that shows a
- 4 couple of items that we serve before 2:00 and
- 5 then after -- sorry. 4:00. After 4:00, beer,
- 6 wine and then, I think, cheese and fruit. It's
- 7 very subtle. It's very, very subtle.
- 8 MR. KALLAS: So getting a liquor license, have
- 9 you thought about getting gaming machines?
- 10 MS. SHOOK: Not even for a second. This is --
- 11 I think what is comforting for me -- I am a
- 12 12-year partner at Starbucks and I was part of
- 13 the original pilot stores. I, actually, was
- 14 involved in the Burr Ridge store; and what was
- 15 very comforting to me is it never changed who we
- 16 were, that our core, we're a coffee company.
- 17 Like Harlan just said, this is about making a
- 18 comfortable meeting place in our afternoon where
- 19 people typically don't think about coming to
- 20 Starbucks after 4:00.
- 21 MR. A. HOPKINS: And you'll still be able to
- 22 get coffee all the way up until --
- 23 MS. SHOOK: Absolutely.
- MR. A. HOPKINS: My wife will love that.

- 1 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Any other questions?
- 2 I'd like to open this up to the public.
- 3 Is there anyone that would like to make a comment
- 4 or suggestion?
- 5 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: Lynn Ward.
- 6 MS. WARD: My name is Lynn Ward. I live at
- 7 1425 Polo Drive. It's Woodland Hills subdivision,
- 8 which is right near this location. I'm here to
- 9 ask you to please deny this permit for the sale
- of alcohol for beer and wine at this location.
- 11 My reasonings are due to common sense.
- 12 This location is located at a very busy
- 13 intersection. The entrance and exit from here
- 14 going south and east are tricky at best.
- 15 Difficult at many other times. As much as we
- 16 like to put up signs that say don't block the
- 17 entrance, the entrance gets blocked.
- 18 If you have been at this establishment --
- 19 I think you said that after 4:00 your business
- 20 goes down. I'm surprised to hear that because
- 21 I'm at the store quite frequently. I'm there
- 22 several times a week, sometimes twice a day; and
- 23 when I'm there at night, I see tables are filled.
- 24 I see a great use at this establishment of both

- 1 people who are over the age of 21 and those who
- 2 are under the age of 21. The youth in our area
- 3 tend to use this a lot to go and study with their
- 4 friends, a place to work on projects, a place to
- 5 visit with their friends, use the WiFi, perhaps
- 6 do a little bit of gaming themselves. It's a
- 7 great place. I buy a card for my daughter so
- 8 that she can go there; and when she does her
- 9 chores, I reward her and put money on her card so
- 10 he can go there.
- To go to this Starbucks, most, if not
- 12 everyone, has to get in a car to drive there; and
- 13 unfortunately -- for the most part, anybody that
- 14 comes to this establishment has to get into a car
- 15 to drive there. There is very few people that
- 16 can walk there or have any other means of getting
- 17 there; and I think we're all well aware that
- 18 drinking and driving just are not a good mix; and
- 19 if anybody's life has ever been affected by a
- 20 drunk driver, I think you'll understand that.
- 21 Lives are affected by drunk drivers; and with
- 22 this being a very difficult intersection, I am a
- 23 bit worried about what could happen here; and
- 24 it's not just the victims of the accident, the

- 1 innocent victims, that are affected by the drunk
- 2 driver. It's the family of the drunk driver
- 3 themselves and those people are very rarely heard
- 4 from, but their lives are destroyed and devastated
- 5 as well. You know, you lose your license to
- 6 drive, you'll lose a way to get to work, you lose
- 7 income for your family, and a future of your
- 8 family.
- 9 I know that Starbucks has always been a
- 10 high-end establishment. I know this is not their
- 11 intention, but it is something that can happen.
- 12 My worst fear is that somebody comes to Starbucks
- 13 to buy coffee and says, oh, there is alcohol on
- 14 the menu. One glass of wine isn't going to hurt.
- 15 That could be the worst decision that they ever
- 16 make in their life because there are people, many
- 17 people, that don't know how to be a responsible
- 18 drinker and might just make that bad mistake and
- 19 head out in our community after having lost their
- 20 ability to operate a car.
- 21 As I said, this establishment is
- 22 frequented by teenagers in our area; and if
- you're going to start serving alcohol at 4:00,
- 24 they're going to lose this venue to meet in what

- 1 I call a safe environment for themselves. I have
- 2 no problem letting my daughter go there right
- 3 now.
- 4 On a more personal note, my second visit
- 5 to Starbucks quite frequently is proceeded by a
- 6 phone call to a friend saying I'm having a really
- 7 bad day. I would really like to have the
- 8 opportunity to get together with you and talk;
- 9 and the reason I go to Starbucks is I need to get
- 10 away from the alcoholic in my family; and
- 11 Starbucks is a safe place for me to go to because
- 12 I won't have to walk into an establishment where
- 13 liquor is being sold; and I can't tell you how
- 14 uncomfortable that is for me. I'm having a
- difficult time going to the CVS across the street
- 16 that is now also selling liquor because I'm going
- 17 there to purchase prescribed medicines for the
- 18 alcoholic in my family who now needs this
- 19 medication because of his disease. I don't go to
- 20 our Bartlett Jewel-Osco much anymore because they
- 21 continue to put sales right as you walk in the
- 22 door of liquor. It's in the produce aisle. If I
- 23 go to buy healthy items, I'm faced with liquor;
- 24 and I know these are all very personal reasons,

- 1 but I don't think I'm the only one. I just
- 2 happen to be the only one speaking tonight.
- 3 We talk about demographics, and I would
- 4 have to agree that there is some reason to think
- 5 that there would be good sales here of liquor
- 6 because there is a good percentage of the people
- 7 that are there when I'm there that are over the
- 8 age of 21, but they've made the decision to come
- 9 to this location to purchase non-alcoholic
- 10 beverages. If they wanted to purchase alcoholic
- 11 beverages, there is places right across the
- 12 street where they could go, but they chose to
- 13 come to this establishment not to have that.
- 14 So these are kind of my common sense
- 15 reasonings for asking that this be denied. Thank
- 16 you.
- 17 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you. Any others?
- 18 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: That's all I have.
- 19 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Would the petitioner like
- 20 to respond to any of those?
- 21 MR. POWELL: Just briefly. I think it's
- 22 briefly -- it's important to briefly just stress
- 23 as we discussed earlier, the petition that we're
- 24 here for today, this is a product of years spent

- 1 researching this issue. Starbucks is very, very
- 2 protective of its brand. The last thing that
- 3 they want is for anyone to equate this business
- 4 with that of a tavern, with that of a liquor
- 5 store. That's not what Starbucks is. It's not
- 6 what it ever has been and it's not what it ever
- 7 will be, so in that regard training is paramount.
- 8 Starbucks makes sure that every employee
- 9 that is charged with any type of responsibility
- 10 having anything to do with alcoholic liquor,
- 11 first of all, they have to be 21 years of age or
- 12 older, they have to go through extensive training
- to make sure that only the people who are lawfully
- 14 entitled to purchase an alcoholic beverage
- 15 actually receive it. They are also trained
- 16 extensively to make sure that once a single drink
- 17 has been given to a single customer who has
- 18 produced a valid ID that that drink stays in the
- 19 hands of that person and that person only.
- I believe it was about a year ago, maybe a
- 21 little bit longer, I was representing Starbucks
- 22 before the city of Evanston and some of the
- 23 issues that were expressed by the witness here
- 24 today were raised in the city council there; and

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1 the -- a particular concern was the fact that the
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- 2 Starbucks seeking a license in that instance was
- 3 located in very close proximity to Northwestern
- 4 University. It was, in fact, right across the
- 5 street from it's main campus, and it was a
- 6 location that was also used by persons that were
- 7 over the age of 21, people who were 18, 19, 20
- 8 years old.
- 9 And it was a concern obviously, could
- 10 Starbucks properly control its product, properly
- 11 control the service of this adult beverage while
- 12 maintaining a safe environment, a comfortable
- 13 environment, an inviting environment for every
- 14 one of its core demographics, its core customers?
- 15 And there was much discussion about this, should
- 16 the license be issued at all? If so, under what
- 17 circumstances? And it was actually a result of
- 18 those conversations that the concept evolved to a
- 19 certain extent rather than seeking to begin
- 20 evening hours at 2:00, they decided that it was
- 21 more appropriate in that circumstance to do so at
- 22 4:00 p.m., and that's one of the reasons why,
- 23 again, we're seeking a 4:00 p.m. start date here.
- 24 So their approach has always been a

- 1 conservative one. Let's walk before we run.
- 2 Let's make sure that if this concept is
- 3 introduced in any municipality, it's done so in a
- 4 responsible way; it's done so in a way that does
- 5 not tarnish the Starbucks brand; it's done so in
- a way that it doesn't alienate the people that
- 7 Starbucks regards as its core constituency, if
- 8 you will, so I do want to stress that this
- 9 request that we're making here, again, it does,
- 10 yes, involve a request for a liquor license, but
- it is not meant in any way, shape, or form to
- 12 create something that anybody in this room would
- 13 be suddenly unfamiliar with; and we do believe
- 14 very strongly that the environment that has been
- 15 created and exists there today can be maintained
- and will be maintained so that persons who are
- 17 comfortable going there at 8:00 in the morning,
- 18 at 12:00 in the afternoon will be similarly
- 19 comfortable going there at 4:00, 5:00, 6:00 p.m.
- The numbers that I'm privy to in terms of
- 21 overall sales, in terms of performance, in terms
- 22 of any type of negative impact that these
- 23 licenses have had all tell me very, very clearly
- 24 that it can be introduced in the village of

- 1 Bartlett very seamlessly, and we certainly do
- 2 appreciate the concerns raised by the witness
- 3 here today. That, again, is why we're here to
- 4 ask for guidance from this commission, from the
- 5 village itself, and we're more than happy to
- 6 operate under whatever guidelines and strictures
- 7 the commission believes are appropriate. Thank
- 8 you.
- 9 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Any further questions from
- 10 the commission?
- 11 All right. Close the public hearing.
- 12 Okay. Looks like we'll be looking for a
- 13 motion then for a special use permit to serve
- 14 beer and wine under the conditions and finding of
- 15 fact.
- MR. KALLAS: So moved.
- 17 MR. MIASO: Second.
- 18 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Any further discussion?
- 19 Secretary call the roll.
- 20 MS. FUENTES: Jerry Kallas.
- MR. KALLAS: Yes.
- 22 MS. FUENTES: John Miaso.
- 23 MR. MIASO: Yes.
- MS. FUENTES: Mark Hopkins.

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1 MR. M. HOPKINS: Yes.
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- 2 MS. FUENTES: Tim Ridenour.
- 3 MR. RIDENOUR: Yes.
- 4 MS. FUENTES: Diane Negele.
- 5 MS. NEGELE: Yes.
- 6 MS. FUENTES: Shane Cook.
- 7 MR. COOK: Yes.
- 8 MS. FUENTES: Austin Hopkins.
- 9 MR. A. HOPKINS: Yes.
- 10 MS. FUENTES: Motion carried.
- 11 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Thank you. Good luck.
- 12 Next item on your agenda is 15-12,
- 13 1580 Hecht Court, Brewster Creek Business Bark,
- 14 site plan review. This one is going to be Angela.
- MS. ZUBKO: Yes. The petitioner is requesting
- 16 a site plan review for proposed 64,586-square-foot
- 17 industrial building on an 8.36-acre lot on lot 4F
- in the Brewster Creek Business Park, which is
- 19 kitty-corner to the Ace Relocation Systems we
- 20 talked about earlier today.
- 21 The facility would be used as a storage,
- 22 production, and distribution facility for future
- 23 tenants; and this would be constructed as a core
- 24 and shell building and have tenant offices built

- 1 out at the time of lease.
- The site plan does show six exterior docks
- 3 and one drive-through door south side of the
- 4 building. Once again, there are two curb cuts
- 5 along Hecht Court. The western curb cut would be
- 6 only used by trucks to access the loading area on
- 7 the southwest side of the building, and the
- 8 eastern curb would be to access the employee
- 9 parking lot located at the east side of the
- 10 building.
- 11 Staff recommends approval of the
- 12 petitioner's request subject to the conditions
- 13 and findings of fact in your staff report.
- 14 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Any questions of staff at
- 15 this time?
- MR. M. HOPKINS: One. If the other building
- 17 needed a height -- special use for exceeding 35
- 18 feet, this one is at 36, 11, how come this one
- 19 doesn't need it?
- 20 MS. ZUBKO: 90 percent of the building is at
- 21 34, 11; and then just at the entranceway is where
- 22 it's 36, 11, so what we do is we actually take
- 23 the average of the entire building.
- 24 MR. M. HOPKINS: Okay. That's an answer.

- 1 MS. ZUBKO: So it's just this little front
- 2 portion right here. (Indicating.)
- 3 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Any other questions?
- Is the petitioner here this evening?
- 5 Would you like to come forward and name and
- 6 address.
- 7 MR. BAUMSTARK: Mike Baumstark, 1905 Halifax
- 8 Street, Libertyville, Illinois.
- 9 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Do you have any comments
- 10 you would like to add to the staff report?
- 11 MR. BAUMSTARK: Nothing at this point. We did
- 12 receive the report this week and we'll be picking
- 13 up all the comments that were in the report.
- 14 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Members have any questions
- 15 for the petitioner?
- 16 MR. KALLAS: All I can say is you got one good
- 17 site there with that pond behind you, that's if
- 18 you can keep the people from fishing in it.
- 19 MR. A. HOPKINS: Do you have any idea of what
- 20 kind of businesses you're going to have in there
- 21 or the tenants?
- 22 MR. BAUMSTARK: It could be anything from
- 23 distribution to -- you know, there is a lot of
- 24 food in that business park, so it could be a food

- 1 production or distribution-type facility.
- 2 MR. A. HOPKINS: Okay. So there is no
- 3 scheduled tenants or anything yet?
- 4 MR. BAUMSTARK: There has been a couple that
- 5 have been looking at it. Right now it's still in
- 6 preliminary phases.
- 7 MR. MIASO: Are you doing this on spec?
- 8 MR. BAUMSTARK: Right now it's on spec, yes.
- 9 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Any further questions?
- 10 Comments? No.
- 11 We will be looking for a motion ---
- 12 MR. MIASO: So moved.
- 13 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: -- for a site plan review
- of lot 4F in the Brewster Creek Business Park,
- 15 Unit 1, located at the southwest corner of Hecht
- 16 Drive and Hecht Court with the following
- 17 conditions and findings of fact.
- 18 Is there a --
- 19 MR. MIASO: I make the motion. So moved.
- 20 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Is there a second?
- 21 MR. A. HOPKINS: I'll second it.
- 22 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Further discussion?
- 23 Secretary call the roll.
- MS. FUENTES: John Miaso.

- 1 MR. MIASO: Yes.
- 2 MS. FUENTES: Austin Hopkins.
- 3 MR. A. HOPKINS: Yes.
- 4 MS. FUENTES: Mark Hopkins.
- 5 MR. M. HOPKINS: Yes.
- 6 MS. FUENTES: Tim Ridenour.
- 7 MR. RIDENOUR: Yes.
- 8 MS. FUENTES: Jerry Kallas.
- 9 MR. KALLAS: Yes.
- 10 MS. FUENTES: Diane Negele.
- 11 MS. NEGELE: Yes.
- 12 MS. FUENTES: Shane Cook.
- MR. COOK: Yes.
- 14 MS. FUENTES: Okay.
- 15 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Motion carried. Good luck.
- Next item on the agenda is old business/
- 17 new business.
- 18 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: I don't know if we have any
- 19 old business. The new business is Diane Fuentes
- 20 is our new secretary.
- MS. FUENTES: Sorry I messed up everybody's
- 22 name.
- 23 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: She'll get them. This is
- 24 here first meeting. She's taken over. She's

- 1 been with us just --
- MS. FUENTES: Four days.
- 3 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: -- about four days, so
- 4 learning as she's going.
- 5 (Applause.)
- 6 MS. NEGELE: Good luck.
- 7 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: And there may be a meeting
- 8 next month. We have a subdivision that's coming
- 9 on board, whether it moves on, but we think it
- 10 will get to you next month.
- MR. A. HOPKINS: Is that the luxury apartments?
- 12 MR. PLONCZYNSKI: No. That would be the --
- it's Bartlett Point West, which is a subdivision
- 14 that was approved as a townhome development a
- 15 number of years out toward Route 25 on West
- 16 Bartlett Road and they're converting it to a
- 17 single-family detached subdivision, so it's in
- 18 the same location, and that's it.
- 19 CHAIRMAN LEMBERG: Members, have any comments?
- 20 MR. COOK: It was pointed out to me this
- 21 evening the Village trustees have bottles of
- 22 water during their meetings.
- MR. A. HOPKINS: Yes, I noticed that.
- 24 MR. COOK: Considering our meeting this

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