

# City of Naperville

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## Naperville

### **Meeting Minutes - Draft**

**Thursday, September 4, 2025**

**3:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**

**Liquor Commission**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:****A. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Wehrli called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m

**B. ROLL CALL:**

**Present** 6 - Steve Chirico, Kelly Douglas, Jason Dy, Ray McGury, Mitch Stauffer, and Mayor Scott Wehrli  
**Absent** 1 - Anthony Signorella

Also Present: Shebnem Ozkaptan, Budget and Administrative Manager; Detective Marty Creighton, Liquor & Tobacco Liaison, Naperville Police Department; Mike DiSanto, City Attorney

**C. PUBLIC FORUM:****Written Comment Only:**

Jim Sourek (Lisle) Naperville showed leadership in 2019 as the first city in Illinois to pass a 21+ law for kratom, after a public meeting where more than 30 people spoke in support. Concerns may be raised about synthetic 7-OH products, but these are not natural kratom. The FDA has stated it is working to remove synthetic 7-OH from the market while not targeting natural kratom leaf. Naperville already has the right approach: kratom is 21+, natural, and clearly labeled. The focus should remain on enforcing those rules, which protect youth and respect responsible adult use.

Commissioner Kelly Douglas  
Here are the links I'd like to share regarding Emerging Trends:  
<https://www.currentaffairs.org/news/how-america-got-hooked-on-shady-gas-station-drugs>  
<https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZP8B7pYU4/>  
<https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZP8B7sm3L/>

**D. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Approve the Liquor Commission meeting minutes of August 7, 2025

**Attachments:** [Draft Minutes 8-7-25](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Chirico, seconded by Commissioner Douglas, approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**E. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Consider Garfield's Beverage Warehouse NV, LLC Request for a Variance and Class D

- Package Store Liquor License

**Attachments:** [Garfield's Variance](#)  
[Concept Application](#)

Liquor Commission approved and referred a variance request from Garfield's Beverage Warehouse NV, LLC to City Council.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Douglas, seconded by Commissioner McGury, approved and referred to City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Chirico, Douglas, Dy, McGury, Signorella, and Stauffer

2. Receive the emerging trends presentation by 360 Youth Services

Elise Schram and Matthew Cassity from 360 Youth Services presented emerging trends to the Liquor Commission. Commissioners would like to schedule presentations like this either semi-annually or annually.

**This Presentation was received.**

## F. REPORTS:

1. Receive the DUI report for August 2025

**Attachments:** [City of Naperville DUI Liquor Report-August 2025](#)

Detective Creighton presented the DUI statistics for August 2025.

2. Receive Naperville Local Liquor Law Essentials class statistics for August 2025

Detective Creighton presented the Naperville Liquor Law Essentials class statistics for August 2025:

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3. Receive the Liquor Concept Committee Report for August 2025

Budget and Administrative Manager Ozkaptan presented the liquor concepts for the month of August:

Merger and acquisition involving Garfield Beverage Warehouse NV, LLC,  
located at 88 W  
Gartner Rd #104, Naperville, IL

## G. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

## H. ADJOURNMENT:

**A motion was made by Commissioner McGury, seconded by Commissioner Dy, to adjourn the Liquor Commission Meeting of September 4, 2025 at 3:49 p.m. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

/s/ S. Ozkaptan  
Shebnem Ozkaptan  
Budget and Administrative Manager