#### **AGENDA**

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON, ILLINOIS 7:00 P.M.

#### **MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025**

#### FREEDOM HALL, 349 W. BIRCHWOOD, MORTON, ILLINOIS

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- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
- IV. PUBLIC HEARING
- V. PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL REPORTS
  - A. Proclamation Motorcycle Awareness Month A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT
  - A. Public Comments
  - B. Requests for Removal of Items from the Consent Agenda
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. Approval of Minutes
    - 1. Regular Meeting April 21, 2025
  - B. Approval of Bills
- VIII. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA
- IX. VILLAGE PRESIDENT
  - A. Reappointment of Mary Spahr to the Zoning Board of Appeals Term Ending April 30, 2030
- X. VILLAGE CLERK
- XI. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
  - A. Ordinance 26-01 An Ordinance Amending Title 3, Chapter 8, Section 6 of the Morton Municipal Code Regarding the Number of Authorized Liquor Licenses
- XII. CHIEF OF POLICE
- XIII. CORPORATION COUNSEL
- XIV. DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES
- XV. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
  - A. Resolution 01-26 A Resolution Authorizing Joint PPUATS Funding Agreement for 2026 Fiscal Year
  - B. Resolution 02-26 IDOT Supplemental Resolution for MFT Funds
- XVI. ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
  - A. Petition 25-02SP Publicly Owned Park (Dog Park) at 420 E Washington St.
  - B. Easement Vacation Plat Lots 80 & 81 in Wolf Crossing (P.I.N. 06-06-05-202-023 and P.I.N 06-06-05-202-024)
  - C. Permit Type Reports FY25 Q4 Summary and FY25 Permit Summary

#### XVII. VILLAGE TRUSTEES

- A. Trustee Blunier
- B. Trustee Hilliard
- C. Trustee Leitch
- D. Trustee Menold
- E. Trustee Newman
- F. Trustee Parrott
- XVIII. CLOSED SESSIONS
- XIX. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSIONS
- XX. ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE
- XXI. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS
- XXII. ADJOURNMENT

#### VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING 7:00 P.M., APRIL 21, 2025

After calling the meeting to order, President Kaufman led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk called the roll, with the following members present: Blunier, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott -6.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Carol Baker, living at 1500 S. Second spoke about concerns with vehicles traveling at a high rate of speed down S. Second and the safety of the many children living in the area. She requested that this be looked at by the Village and for help in reducing speeding in the area.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes.
  - 1. Regular Meeting April 7, 2025
  - 2. Closed Session April 7, 2025
- B. Approval of Bills

Trustee Newman moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Trustee Menold and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 6

No: None Absent: None

#### VILLAGE PRESIDENT

President Kaufman requested two reappointments to the Morton Business District Commission – Wesley Sutter and Nate Zeller (terms expiring April 30, 2028). Trustee Leitch moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Parrott and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 6

No: None Absent: None

President Kaufman then requested two reappointments to the Morton Police Pension Board – Doug Schaffnit (term expiring April 30, 2026) and Joe Wirth (term expiring April 30, 2027). Trustee Parrott moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Hilliard and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 6

No: None Absent: None

#### VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator Smick presented the Spring Tourism Grant Round Recommendations. Trustee Leitch moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Newman and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 6

No: None Absent: None

#### **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**

DPW Loudermilk requested acceptance of bid for the 2025 Miscellaneous Concrete Repairs & East St. Project in the amount of \$1,008,737.33 and award of contract for same to Knapp Concrete Contractors, Inc. Trustee Menold moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Parrott and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 6

No: None Absent: None

DPW Loudermilk then requested acceptance of bid for the 2025 Mill & Overlay Project in the amount of \$795,374.21 and award of contract for same to R.A. Cullinan & Son, Inc. Trustee Newman moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Parrott and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 6

No: None Absent: None

DPW Loudermilk then requested acceptance of bid for the 2025 Sealcoating & Fog Coating Project in the amount of \$172,182.03 and award of contract for same to Porter Brothers. Trustee Leitch moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Newman and approved with the following roll call vote:

Yes: Blunier, Hilliard, Leitch, Menold, Newman, Parrott – 6

No: None Absent: None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Newman moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Trustee Leitch and followed by a unanimous voice vote.

ATTEST:	
	PRESIDENT
VILLAGE CLERK	

## PROCLAMATION A.B.A.T.E. OF ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, safety is the highest priority for the highways and streets of our Village and State; and

WHEREAS, the great State of Illinois is proud to be a national leader in motorcycle safety, education and awareness; and

**WHEREAS,** motorcycles are a primary, common, and economical means of transportation that reduces fuel consumption and road wear, and contributes in a significant way to the relief of traffic and parking congestion; and

**WHEREAS,** it is especially meaningful that the citizens of our Village and State be aware of motorcycles on the roadways and recognize the importance of motorcycle safety; and

WHEREAS, the members of ABATE of Illinois, Inc. (A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education), continually promote motorcycle safety, education, and awareness in high school drivers' education programs and to the general public in our Village and State, presenting motorcycle awareness programs to over 120,000 participants in Illinois over the past nine years; and

WHEREAS, all motorcyclists should join ABATE of Illinois, Inc. in actively promoting the safe operation of motorcycles as well as promoting motorcycle safety, education, awareness and respect of citizens of our Village and State; and

**WHEREAS,** the motorcyclists of Illinois have contributed extensive volunteerism and money to national and community charitable organizations; and

**WHEREAS,** during the month of May, all roadway users should unite in the safe sharing of roadways within the Village of Morton, and throughout the great State of Illinois;

THEREFORE, I, Jeffrey L. Kaufman, President of the Village of Morton, in the great State of Illinois, in recognition of 38 years of ABATE of Illinois, Inc., and over 352,318 registered motorcyclists statewide, and in recognition of the continued role Illinois serves as a leader in motorcycle safety, education and awareness DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MAY, THIS YEAR 2025 AS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH in the Village of Morton, and urge all motorists to join in an effort to improve safety and awareness on our roadways.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of Morton to be affixed.

DATED this 5 <sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.	
	Jeffrey L. Kaufman  President of the Board of Trustees
ATTEST:	
 Village Clerk	

#### VILLAGE OF MORTON ORDINANCE 26-01

# AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 8, SECTION 6 OF THE MORTON MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED LIOUOR LICENSES

**WHEREAS,** Title 3, Chapter 8, Section 6 contains a limitation on the number of liquor licenses and the President and Board of Trustees desire to amend same.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Morton, in the State of Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** <u>AMENDMENT</u> "3-8-6: Limitation On Number" of the Morton Municipal Code is hereby *amended* as follows:

#### **AMENDMENT**

#### 3-8-6: Limitation On Number

In order that the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the Village be protected, and in order that minors shall be prevented from the purchase of alcoholic liquors, and in order that temperance in the consumption of liquors be fostered and promoted, there shall be a limit upon the number of liquor licenses issued and in effect, which is as follows:

Class	Brief Description	Maximum Number of Licenses Allowed
Class A-1	Sale of beer & wine only at retail, consumption off premises	Zero (0)
Class A-2	Sale of beer & wine only at retail, consumption on premises	Four (4)
Class A-3	Sale of beer & wine only at retail, consumption off or on premises	Zero (0)
Class A-4	Sale of wine only at retail, consumption off premises, allows unlimited wine tasting on premises	Zero (0)
Class B-1	Sale of alcohol at retail, consumption off premises	Three (3)
Class B-2	Sale of alcohol at retail, consumption on premises	Ten (10)

Class B-3	Sale of alcohol at retail, consumption on or off premises	Four (4)
Class C	Sale of alcohol at a club, consumption on premises	One (1)
Class D	Sale of beer & wine at retail in a grocery store, consumption off premises	Four (4)
Class E	Addition to Class A-2, A-3, B-2, B-3 or G to all sales of alcohol consumption in an outdoor area on a permanent basis	Nine (9) Eight (8)
Class F	Addition to Class A-2, A-3, B-2, B-3 or G license holder for sale of alcohol in an outdoor area adjacent to business on temporary basis	Zero (0)
Class G	Allows patrons to bring their own beer or wine into premises for consumption on premises	One (1) Zero (0)
Class H	Sale of beer & wine only on a temporary basis for not-for profit organizations up to 2 times per year	Zero (0) License auto expires after 7 days
Class I	Addition to Class A-2, A-3, B-2, or B-3 for consumption of adjacent public right of way	One (1)
Class J-1	Sale of alcohol by a catering business for one year	Zero (0)
Class J-2	Sales of alcohol by a catering business for one public/private event	Zero(0)

### PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE OF MORTON PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES \_\_\_\_\_ **AYE** NAY **ABSENT ABSTAIN** Trustee Blunier Trustee Hilliard Trustee Leitch Trustee Menold Trustee Parrott Trustee Newman President Kaufman Presiding Officer Attest Jeffrey L. Kaufman, Village President, Sam Ritthaler, Village Clerk, Village

of Morton

Village of Morton

#### RESOLUTION NO. 01-26

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOINT PPUATS FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR 2026 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, Village of Morton has in prior years participated in the metropolitan planning organization of the Peoria-Pekin Urbanized Area (PPUATS)

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has recommended the Village continue its participation in PPUATS, and enter into the Joint PPUATS Funding Agreement – Unified Work Program FY 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON, as follows:

- The Joint PPUATS Funding Agreement Unified Work Program FY 2026, substantially
  in the form set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto is hereby approved.
- The President of the Board of Trustees is authorized to execute the Joint PPUATS Funding Agreement for the fiscal year 2026
- 3. The Village of Morton g that the President of the Board of Trustees is authorized to execute the Joint PPUATS Funding Agreement Unified Work Program FY 2023 and the Village to make a contribution of \$9,524.29.
- 4. The fiscal year contribution of \$9,524.29 to PPUATS is hereby approved and authorized.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
of the Village of Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois, this day of
, 2025; and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

AYES:	
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	
ABSTAINING:	
APPROVED this day	y of, 2025.
	President
ATTEST:	
Village Clerk	

#### **RESOLUTION 25-51**

## A RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT.

**WHEREAS,** the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as the Commission, is recognized as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Peoria-Pekin Urbanized Area, recognized under Section 134 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA); and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has established a continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative planning process that follows 23 CFR 450.308 and the Commission's Public Participation Plan to develop and adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission is eligible to receive \$974,105.55 in Federal Metropolitan Planning (PL) funds, contingent upon a 20% non-federal match requirement totaling \$243,526.39 for Fiscal Year 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, recently it is the Commission's practice, if available, to utilize Illinois Department of Transportation State Metropolitan Planning Funds for the required non-federal match and collect the same amount from its member jurisdictions as their dues for local funding to be programmed separately by the Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding amounts are determined by the previous calendar year's Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) allotment for the MPO region, divided by each member jurisdiction's allotment to develop each member's match percentage for the required non-federal match; and

**WHEREAS,** since the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District (GPMTD) does not receive MFT funding, they have committed to providing a flat rate of \$3,800 as a pass-through membership fee for participation in the planning process; and

**WHEREAS**, the non-federal match calculations are incorporated in the UPWP as Table 4, and in Attachment A of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed the FY 2026 Joint Funding Agreement.

#### THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

That the Commission herewith approves the Fiscal Year 2026 Joint Funding Agreement as shown in Attachment A, and the Executive Director or designee is hereby authorized to solicit signatures to execute the Fiscal Year 2026 Joint Funding Agreement and to provide invoices for payment.

Presented this 2nd day of April 2025 Adopted this 2nd day of April 2025

Greg Menold, Chairman

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

ATTEST:

Eric Miller, Executive Director

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

#### **Attachment A**

#### JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT - UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FY 2026

This agreement is hereby entered into by the members of the participating agencies of the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) of the Peoria-Pekin Urbanized Area, recognized under Section 134 of the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)*. It is intended to set forth the procedures and methods agreed upon to ensure sufficient local matching funds enabling the Peoria-Pekin Urbanized Area to receive \$974,105.55 in Federal Metropolitan Planning (PL) funds. The funding requires a 20% non-federal match, requiring a total match of \$243,526.39 for Fiscal Year 2026. It is further agreed that the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District (GPMTD) provides \$3,800 as a pass-through membership fee for participation in the planning process.

The Federal PL funds and local dollars will be utilized for the work and services performed in accordance with the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The work and services and their associated costs as contained in the UPWP were adopted by the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. If state funds can be utilized to offset the local match, local dollars will be programmed by the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission in a separate work program.

Each participating agency identified herein hereby agrees to pay its entire share to the MPO no later than November 1, 2025. The MPO is hereby designated to deposit local funds into a special bank account. Withdrawals from this account shall be for reimbursement for work accomplished on the appropriate designated work tasks. The MPO shall make a monthly report to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission accounting for the expenses incurred on the work tasks identified in the UPWP. Federal and State funds shall be requested by and dispersed directly to the MPO in accordance with agreements of the State of Illinois and the GPMTD.

The local money for FY 2026 shall be provided by each of the participating agencies noted herein by the contributing percentage of MFT funds each such agency received in Calendar Year 2024.

Community	202	4 MFT Allotment	2024 MFT %	<b>FY 2026 Contribution</b>	
Peoria County	\$	2,177,653.44	22.48%	\$ 53,90	00.81
Tazewell County	\$	1,714,516.84	17.70%	\$ 42,43	37.35
Woodford County	\$	596,926.38	6.16%	\$ 14,77	74.99
Bartonville, Village of	\$	133,644.24	1.38%	\$ 3,30	07.93
Chillicothe, City of	\$	137,758.11	1.42%	\$ 3,40	09.76
Creve Coeur, Village of	\$	110,916.85	1.15%	\$ 2,74	45.39
East Peoria, City of	\$	505,442.75	5.22%	\$ 12,5	10.61
Germantown Hills, Village of	\$	76,702.12	0.79%	\$ 1,89	98.51
Morton, Village of	\$	384,792.00	3.97%	\$ 9,52	24.29
Pekin, City of	\$	713,316.31	7.37%	\$ 17,6	55.85
Peoria, City of	\$	2,543,624.20	26.26%	\$ 62,9	59.24
Peoria Heights, Village of	\$	132,812.47	1.37%	\$ 3,28	87.35
Washington, City of	\$	361,277.82	3.73%	\$ 8,94	42.27
West Peoria, City of	\$	95,832.72	0.99%	\$ 2,3	72.03
GPMTD		N/A	N/A	\$ 3,80	00.00
Total				\$243,5	<del>26.39</del>

Any surplus of local matching money with accumulated interest will remain on deposit in the special bank account managed by the MPO with any excess from previous years and may be used for such purposes and projects as designated by the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

This agreement is approved as indicated by signature of an agent of the undersigned participating agency represented on the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission:

Peoria County	Date
Tazewell County	Date
Woodford County	Date
Bartonville	Date
Chillicothe	Date
Creve Coeur	Date
East Peoria	Date
Germantown Hills	Date
Morton	Date
Pekin	Date
Peoria	Date
Peoria Heights	Date
Washington	Date
West Peoria	Date
GPMTD	Date



## Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code

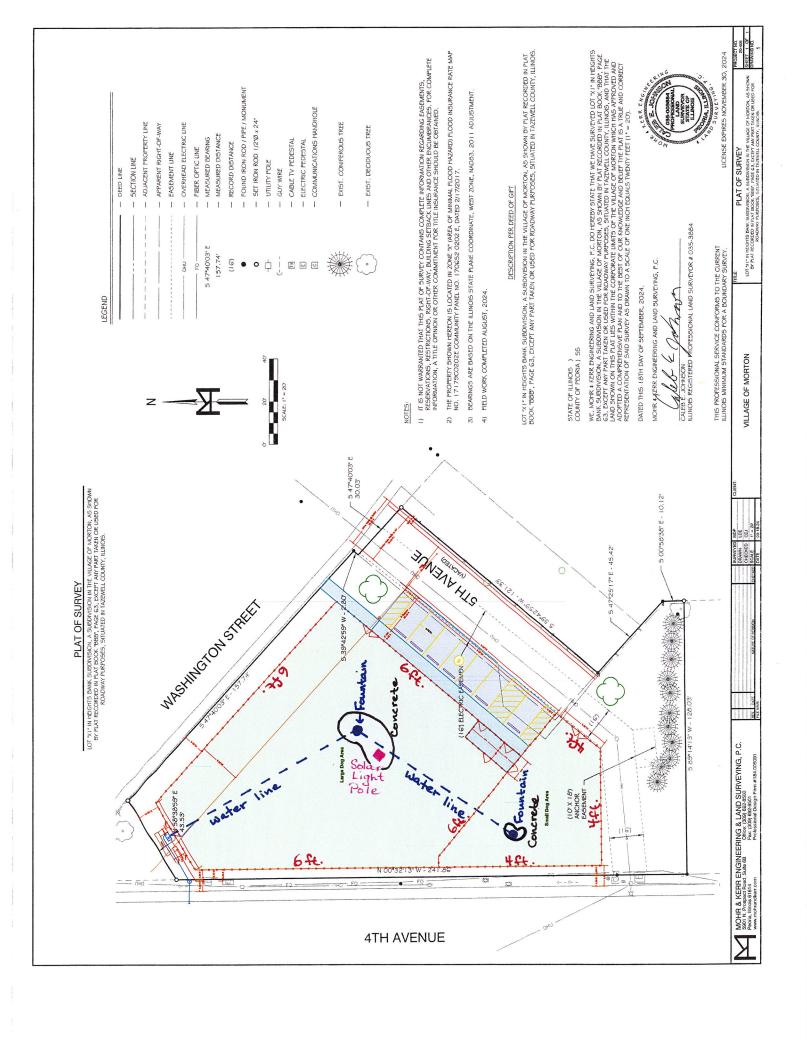
	District	County	Resolution Number	Resolution Type	Section Number
	4	Tazewell	02-26	Supplemental	25-00000-00-G
BE IT RESOLVED, by the	Pre		oard of Trustees of	the Vill	age of
N	/lorton	Coverning	Illinois that there is hereby a		
Name of Lo	cal Public Age	ncy	<u> </u>		
five thousand				Dollars (_ <u>\$</u>	55,000.00
of Motor Fuel Tax funds for	r the purpose	of maintaining s	streets and highways under the	applicable provisions of	of Illinois Highway Code from
01/01/25 to	12/31/25 Ending Dat	<u>.</u> .			
	revised estim	ates approved in	is as listed and described on the connection with this resolution		
BE IT FURTHER RESOLV	′ED, that	Villa	ge of	Morto Name of Local Po	on
expenditure by the Departi BE IT FURTHER RESOLV of the Department of Trans	/ED, that the		directed to transmit four (4) cert	ified originals of this re	solution to the district office
Name	of Clerk		Village ( Local Public Agency Type	Clerk in and for said	Village  Local Public Agency Type
of	Morton				ords and files thereof, as
	o fLocal Public	Agency		ана коорок от ано коо	2, ac and mee and co, ac
provided by statute, do he	reby certify th	e foregoing to b	e a true, perfect and complete o	copy of a resolution add	opted by the
President and Board	d of Truste	es_of	Morton	at a meet	ting held on
Governing Body			Name of Local Public Agency		Date
IN TESTIMONY WHEREC	)F, I have he	reunto set my ha	and seal this da	y ofMor	ith, Year
(SEAL, if require	d by the LPA	)	Clerk Signature & E	Date	
				APPROVED	
			Regional Engineer Department of Tran		
				operiuse.	

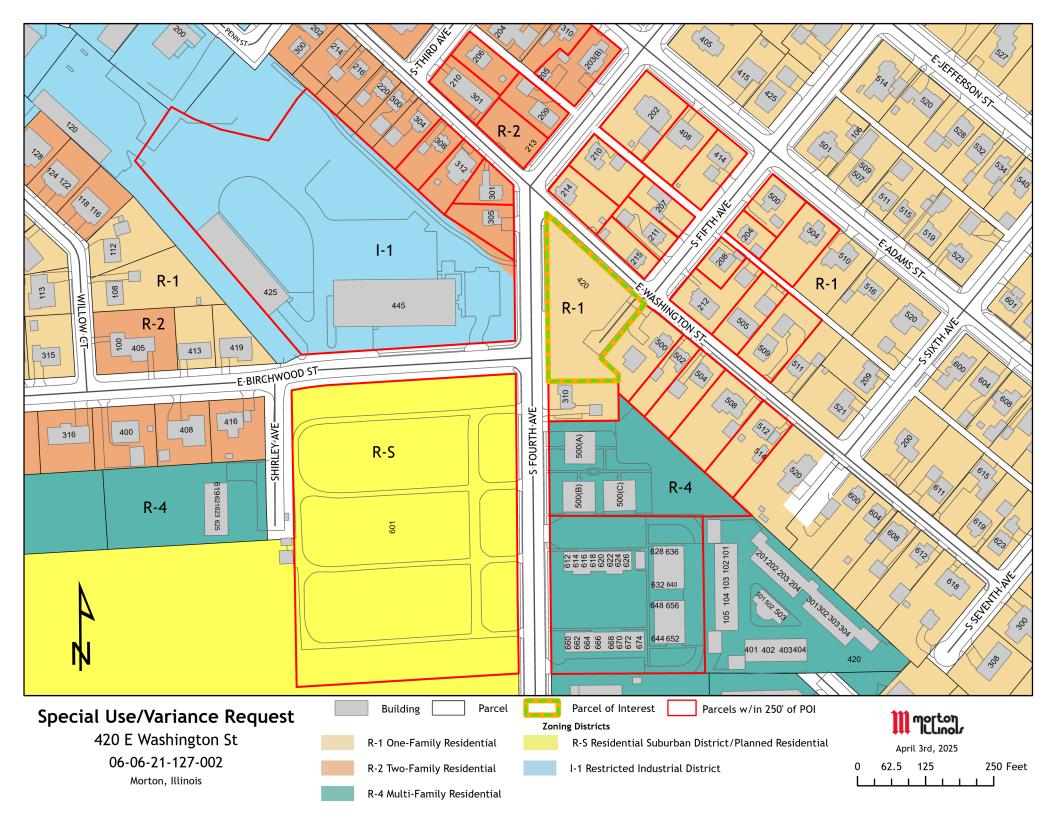
#### PETITION FOR ZONING AMENDMENT / SPECIAL USE PERMIT

Peti	tion Number: <u>25-02SP</u> Date: <u>4/7/25</u>
1.	Legal Description: SEC 21 T25N R3W HEIGHTS BANK SUBD LOT X1 (EXC ROW) NW 1/4 .71 AC
Stre	et Address: 420 E Washington St. Morton, IL 61550
2.	Area of subject property: sq. ft. or
3.	Present land use: Single Family Residential
Prop	osed land use or special use: Fenced Dog Park with Off-Street Parking
Requ	uested zoning change: from District to District
4.	Surrounding zoning districts:
	North R-1 East R-1 South R-1 West I-1
5.	Subject property is owned by:
	Name: Morton Park District
	Address: 349 W. Birchwood St. Morton, IL 61550
	(If subject property is owned by a trustee, a written statement must be furnished by the trustee, disclosing the names of all beneficial owners. A change in any of the beneficial owners during the amendment/special upprocess must be disclosed immediately.)
6.	A list of names and addresses of all property owners in the petition area (within 250 feet of the area affected this petition) will be provided by the Village of Morton and attached hereto.
7.	A statement is attached hereto, indicating why, in our opinion, the amendment or special use requested necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of substantial property rights, and why such amendment special use will not be detrimental to the public welfare, nor the property of other persons located in the vicin thereof.
8.	Additional exhibits submitted by the petitioner:
	Site Plan Submitted to VoM

Petitioners' Signature:
Name: Morton Park District
Address: 349 W. Birchwood St. Morton, IL 61550
Phone No.: <u>309-263-7429</u>
Email Address: jmdickerson@mortonparkdistrict.com  Signature: Juliu Julius
Name:
Address:
Phone No.:
Email Address:
Signature:
Name:
Address:
Phone No.:
Email Address:
Signature:

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## Parcels w/in 250' of 06-06-21-127-002 (420 E Washington St)

PIN	Address	Zoning	Village Limits	Special Use
06-06-20-240-001	206 S THIRD AVE	R-2	Y	
06-06-20-240-002	$210~\mathrm{S}$ THIRD AVE & $301~\mathrm{E}$ WASHINGTON ST	R-2	Y	
06-06-20-240-003	213 S FOURTH AVE	R-2	Y	
06-06-20-242-007	308 E WASHINGTON ST	R-2	Y	
06-06-20-242-008	312 E WASHINGTON ST	R-2	Y	
06-06-20-242-009	301 S FOURTH AVE	R-2	Y	
06-06-20-242-014	305 S FOURTH AVE	R-2	Y	
06-06-20-243-023	$445 \to BIRCHWOOD ST$	I-1	Y	S
06-06-20-417-002	601 S FOURTH AVE	R-S	Y	S
06-06-21-124-004	209 S FOURTH AVE	R-2	Y	
06-06-21-124-005	203(A-B-C)-205 S FOURTH AVE	R-2	Y	
06-06-21-125-001	202 S FOURTH AVE	R-1	Y	
06-06-21-125-002	$408 \to ADAMS ST$	R-1	Y	
06-06-21-125-003	414 E ADAMS ST	R-1	Y	
06-06-21-125-004	210 S FOURTH AVE	R-1	Y	
06-06-21-125-005	207 S FIFTH AVE	R-1	Y	
06-06-21-125-006	211 S FIFTH AVE	R-1	Y	
06-06-21-125-007	214 S FOURTH AVE	R-1	Y	
06-06-21-125-008	215 S FIFTH AVE	R-1	Y	
06-06-21-126-001	500 E ADAMS ST	R-1	Y	
06-06-21-126-002	204 S FIFTH AVE	R-1	Y	
06-06-21-126-003	504 E ADAMS ST	R-1	Y	

PIN	Address	Zoning	Village Limits	Special Use
06-06-21-126-007	208 S FIFTH AVE	R-1	Y	
06-06-21-126-008	$212~\mathrm{S}$ FIFTH AVE	R-1	Y	
06-06-21-126-009	505 E WASHINGTON ST	R-1	Y	
06-06-21-126-010	509 E WASHINGTON ST	R-1	Y	
06-06-21-127-002	420 E WASHINGTON ST	R-1	Y	S
06-06-21-300-002	500(A-B-C) S FOURTH AVE	R-4	Y	
06-06-21-300-044	310 S FOURTH AVE	R-1	Y	
06-06-21-309-001	500 E WASHINGTON ST	R-1	Y	
06-06-21-309-002	502 E WASHINGTON ST	R-1	Y	
06-06-21-309-003	504 E WASHINGTON ST	R-1	Y	
06-06-21-309-007	508 E WASHINGTON ST	R-1	Y	
06-06-21-309-009	512 E WASHINGTON ST	R-1	Y	
06-06-21-324-033	$612-674~\mathrm{S}$ FOURTH AVE	R-4	Y	

#### **GENERAL NOTES:**

BEARINGS ARE BASED ON THE ILLINOIS STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM, WEST ZONE 1202.

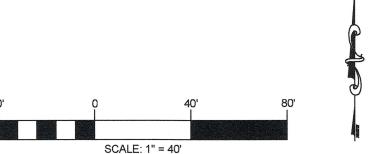
EASEMENT THAT IS TO BE VACATED IS IN THE HATCHED AREA, ALL OTHER EASEMENTS ARE TO REMAIN.

EASEMENT TO BE VACATED IS PART OF P.I.N.'S 06-06-05-202-023 AND

## **LEGEND** EXISTING PROPERTY LINE EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY LINE EASEMENT LINE

PLAT OR DEED DIMENSION 6' UTILITY EASEMENT PB "MMM", PG. 67 TO BE VACATED

P.O.B. POINT OF BEGINNING P.O.C. POINT OF COMMENCEMENT



#### LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF EASEMENT TO BE VACATED

A PART OF LOTS 80 AND 81 OF WOLF CROSSING PHASE IV, A SUBDIVISION OF A PART OF GOVERNMENT LOTS 1 AND 2 IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION FIVE (5), TOWNSHIP TWENTY-FIVE (25) NORTH, RANGE THREE (3) WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, VILLAGE OF MORTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THE PLAT OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "MMM", PAGE 67, IN THE TAZEWELL COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE, SAID EASEMENT VACATION BEING MORE PARTICULARLY

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 81, THENCE NORTH 15°-08'-56" WEST, (BEARINGS ARE BASED ON THE ILLINOIS STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM, NAD 83, WEST ZONE 1202), ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 81, 12.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE SOUTH 74°-51'-04" WEST, 6.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 15°-08'-56" WEST, 265.55 FEET; THENCE NORTH 73°-48-41" EAST, 12.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 15°-08'-56" EAST, 265.77 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 74°-51'-04" WEST, 6.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID EASEMENT VACATION CONTAINING 0.073

#### VILLAGE OF MORTON PLAT OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE

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WE, THE AUSTIN ENGINEERING CO. INC., CIVIL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT WE HAVE PREPARED THIS EASEMENT VACTION PLAT OF A PART OF LOTS 80 AND 81 OF WOLF CROSSING PHASE IV, A SUBDIVISION OF A PART OF GOVERNMENT LOTS 1 AND 2 IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION FIVE (5), TOWNSHIP TWENTY-FIVE (25) NORTH, RANGE THREE (3) WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, VILLAGE OF MORTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND THAT THE ABOVE PLAT IS A TRUE AND CORRECT REPRESENTATION OF SAID SURVEY AS DRAWN TO A SCALE OF ONE (1) INCH EQUALS FORTY (40) FEET.

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PLAN COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON, ILLINOIS
   DATE:
                 April 28, 2025
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   TIME:
                 7:00 p.m.
   PLACE:
                 Freedom Hall
                 349 West Birchwood
                 Morton, Illinois 61550
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   COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:
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                 Mr. Gerald Ritterbusch
                 Ms. Kara Knepp
                 Mr. John Cirilli
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                 Mr. Bill Aupperle
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                 Mr. Jeff Keach
                 Mr. Grant Barton
                 Mr. Zack Davis
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                 Mr. Craiq Hilliard
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                 Mr. Phil Zobrist
             MR. KEACH: I think we can get started. I'm
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   going to call this meeting to order for the Plan
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   Commission of the Village of Morton for Monday, April
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    28th, 2025. Can we have a roll call.
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             MR. AUPPERLE:
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             MR. DAVIS:
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             MS. KNEPP:
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             MR. DAVIS:
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                         Barton.
             MR. BARTON: Here.
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             MR. DAVIS: Ritterbusch.
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             MR. RITTERBUSCH:
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             MR. DAVIS:
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                (No response.)
             MR. DAVIS: Keach.
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             MR. KEACH: Here.
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             MR. DAVIS: Zobrist.
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             MR. ZOBRIST:
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             MR. DAVIS: Cirilli.
             MR. CIRILLI:
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             MR. DAVIS: Geil.
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                (No response.)
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             MR. KEACH: Okay. So tonight we have one
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    item on the public hearing and some other business to
   take care of. So we just have the one item, and
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   usually we have our counsel read a statement. Are you
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   going to do that, Zack?
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             MR. DAVIS: Should we do our minutes first?
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             MR. RITTERBUSCH: Minutes, last meeting.
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             MR. KEACH: Oh, yes, we should. We need to
   approve the minutes from the last meeting.
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   anybody have any comments or corrections?
                            I'll make a motion.
             MR. AUPPERLE:
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             MR. BARTON: I'll second.
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             MS. KNEPP:
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MR. KEACH: We have a motion and a second.
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   All in favor say aye.
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             ALL IN UNISON:
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             MR. KEACH: Okay. I got ahead of myself
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   there.
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            Mr. McGrath was not here last time.
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    just go with my explanation of the public hearing?
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             MR. DAVIS:
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             MR. KEACH: Is that what we did last time?
             MR. DAVIS: That would be perfect.
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             MR. KEACH:
                         So, basically, the public
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   hearing, the petitioner will be making a presentation.
   We will have the opportunity to ask him questions.
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   The public will be given an opportunity to come and
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   speak at the microphone if they wish to.
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            And then the public comments section stops,
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   and we have an opportunity to discuss it as a board,
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   and we will decide to either approve or disapprove.
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   village trustees, and they are the final say on these
   special uses and other petitions.
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            So, with that being said, let's start in on
   the first one. It's only one petition -- only one
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1 | public hearing item today, Petition 25-02 SP, subject
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- 2 | property is located at 430 -- 420 East Washington
- 3 Street. A petition has been filed requesting a
- 4 | special use at the property. The current zoning is
- 5 R-1. The proposed change would be an R-1 with a
- 6 | special use permit to permit a publicly owned park.
- 7 | So I believe the park district is the
- 8 | petitioner, and so I would invite Mr. Dickerson to
- 9 come forward and just make his presentation.
- 10 MR. DICKERSON: Thank you all. Joel
- 11 Dickerson, the executive director with the Morton Park
- 12 District, 349 West Birchwood here in Morton.
- MR. KEACH: You'll need to be sworn in.
- 14 (Witness sworn.)
- MR. DICKERSON: Thank you all for taking the
- 16 time to consider this development at 420 East
- 17 | Washington Street. I provided a site plan detail for
- 18 | all of you, have worked with the Village of Morton
- 19 staff to come up with a design for a potential dog
- 20 | park in this location. We only have one dog park in
- 21 | town; that's out at Oakwood Park.
- The park board of commissioners has come up
- 23 | with a plan for this to be a dog park in town,

- 1 | specifically due to its accessibility for walking.
- 2 | The people currently who have a dog don't have the
- 3 | ability to walk a dog to our current dog park at
- 4 Oakwood Park.

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- It does see good usage, but they felt a need and a desire to develop a dog park in this location so that people would be able to walk to it. The plan, as you can see, has an area separated for large dogs and
- 10 national standard for dog park construction.

small dogs. That would be consistent with the

- And in addition, it has a six-foot fence
  around the large dog park area; that would be a vinyl
  coated -- black vinyl coated chain link fence, and
  around the small dog park area would have a four-foot
- 15 | vinyl -- black vinyl coated chain link fence.
  - We are looking of adding -- I believe it's six -- off street parking spots there as well, just to be able to accommodate anybody that may be driving to that location, but we do anticipate that the majority of the usage of this park would be by pedestrians.
    - We do plan on adding some signage to designate it as one of our public parks as well as an irrigation system to help maintain the turf quality

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   that will, obviously, get some wear and tear from
   having dogs in the location.
            I'd be happy to answer any questions you may
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   have.
             MR. AUPPERLE: Joel, is this a lighted park?
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             MR. DICKERSON: We're going to add one
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   light. You can see itemized on the site plan, the pad
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   of concrete kind of kidney shaped there, kidney bean
   shaped, will have one light. We're currently looking
   at solar application for that, so to do a new solar
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   light in that location that would provide security
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   over the evening hours. That's also the main purpose
   of using chain link fence there is to allow police
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   officers, when they're on patrol, to be able to view
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   through this space so we would know who's at the
   property at all times.
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             MR. ZOBRIST: What would the park hours be?
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             MR. DICKERSON: Consistent with all of our
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   park hours, 5 AM to 11 PM.
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             MR. BARTON: Is it locked after that?
                             It would not be locked, no.
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             MR. DICKERSON:
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   Morton Police is charged with enforcing park district
   ordinance, so they would monitor that through patrol.
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MR. KEACH: Any other questions for the --
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   from the board? Thank you, Joel --
             MR. DICKERSON:
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             MR. KEACH: -- Mr. Dickerson.
            Is there anybody from the public who would
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    like to speak to this issue? Just come and be sworn
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             MR. KEACH: So give your name and address.
             MR. HOOLEY: Sure.
                                 My name is Chad Hooley,
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   and I own a couple different properties in that
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   location of where the dog park is being proposed, one
   of which is right across the street; it's 214 South
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   Fourth Avenue. I also own 209 South Fourth Avenue,
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   and I have two houses on either side of Fourth Street
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   at 216 Washington and 508 Washington Street here in
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   Morton.
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            So I don't currently live there at those
   residences, but I do have interest in the space.
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   have a couple concerns around this. Obviously, a lot
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   meeting, so we did go through a couple of these
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first time I'm hearing of this. And maybe that's a

fault on my side, but I did get this letter in the

mail to my current residence where I reside, and

that's why I'm showing up today because this is kind

of the first time I'm really hearing that it's being

proposed as a dog park.

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I knew that the park district had purchased this. Obviously, I have properties there, right. So I heard through the city, Jamie, who's been out at my properties multiple times, talked to him, and he, you know, kind of said, hey, this is, you know, owned by the park district but never heard really what the use was for. I thought it would be more or less a playground-type area.

My concerns with it being a dog park are many, right. So you asked the hours of operation or what would happen after 11 PM. Is it locked? It's not, so somebody can still go in there with their dog at any point in time throughout the night. Cops usually roll through there about half an hour to an hour, from what I've seen when I'm working on my properties.

So it's not always heavily watched, but they

do have a really good presence there around the area.

But it can still be used after hours, and it can still

be used by people that don't have their dogs attended

to properly, not on a leash.

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One of my questions was -- is, you know, are the dogs that are there, are they only allowed to be registered with the city? If they're not, is that being patrolled at all for -- to see if the animals are vaccinated?

My concern is if they get out and they get over to my yard or there's a kid out playing and they get bit, I have some concerns around that. Just more or less, you know, does Morton have a dogcatcher on staff? If these animals get out and they're kind of running around, who will herd these if they can't?

What if there's a dog fight that's in there and it gets really vicious and kind of gets out of control, not just with two dogs but multiple dogs? So I have some concerns around that.

We did talk about parking, which, Joel was very nice and said, hey, you know, we can maybe talk a little bit more about what that fence would look like. We can put up some privacy slats. Where the parking

1 | is proposed, with people coming in and out, it would

- $2 \mid \mathsf{put}$  headlights into my houses through their windows.
- 3 Regardless if there's curtains or not, you still see a
- 4 | flash through those.
- 5 And with newer cars, they have the auto
- 6 | bright, right. Nobody seems to know how to work those
- 7 | things, but they could be on. They could get
- 8 | brighted, and now I've got a disturbance for somebody
- 9 | that's a second or third shift tenant that's working
- 10 some sort of shift at work so it's a disturbance. You
- 11 | quys don't hear those; I do.
- If there's a smell to there as well, I don't
- 13 know who's attending to pick up the extra stuff if
- 14 nobody else picks that up, but if it gets a little
- 15 overwhelming, there could be a stench that's there as
- 16 | well. Again, you guys don't hear that; I hear that,
- 17 and then I have to come back and bring that to you
- 18 | guys as well.
- 19 Some of my other concerns here really are
- 20 | just, like, you know, has there been -- has there been
- 21 any other proposals for the property, or was it always
- 22 | just going to be a dog park? From talking with Joel,
- 23 | it sounds like we have multiple parks here in Morton,

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1 | 14ish, in the ballpark of those, one which is right
2 | outside these doors. Has any other location been
3 | planned to have a dog park to house these guys, or has
4 | it always been that location, and was that what it was
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Setback of the fence from the road as well,
will there be any privacy there, or are we always
listening to dogs barking, playing, being in that area

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Do you guys need to ask any questions? Or I can keep rambling. Good. Okay. Is there any other -- like, hours of operation, you said, is from 5 until 11. It seems a little excessive for, again, operations that happen there.

Through that little area -- as you guys already know, that's a very congested area for traffic. 90 percent of the time, people don't even stop at that stop sign -- or the stop signs that are there; there's four of them. I've sat there and watched multiple people kind of go through there. So if something gets hit and it's in my yard, am I obligated now to address this, or am I in any form or fashion liable?

Without there currently being a fence on my properties, am I allowed to put fencing up in case these dogs get out or any of the other animals get out, or am I not grandfathered in to any of those restrictions at all?

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And I know you said that there's one dog park on the north side at Oakwood Park. It's kind of, in my opinion, a dual purpose park. It has a playground; it has a dog area as well. Was that proposed for this area to even have any option for children to play in this area aside from just dog owners?

Is it an option to repurpose this to only be a playground area instead of it being an actual dog park? And, Joel, I think I asked you one more time here, other than a chain link fence, is there something else we can do there a little more decorative? I got my answer on that in the previous meeting. So I appreciate that. Thank you.

The solar light that was there, you had a solar light that you would put in, is there an option to do any other lighting there or have the lighting on a restricted time basis, given the seasons that occur?

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   I didn't know how tall that light would be there.
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   you know how tall that light plans to be there?
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            MR. DICKERSON:
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            MR. HOOLEY: Is it on a fixed pole, or is it
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   ground application?
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            MR. DICKERSON: We've not purchased the
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   pole.
            MR. HOOLEY: Okay. Yeah, I think that's all
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   my questions, my concerns that I have for now, but,
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   like I said, this is kind of the first I was hearing
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   of it being turned into a dog park, and hopefully this
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   is the right location. Do you guys need anything from
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   me?
            MR. KEACH: Are there any questions for the
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   gentleman?
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            MR. HOOLEY: Thank you guys very much for
    letting me speak.
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            MR. KEACH: Okay. All right. So is there
   anyone else from the community that would like to
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   speak? Okay. Hearing none, we'll close the public
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   comment.
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            MS. KNEPP:
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to answer -- bring Joel back up to ask some questions?

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MR. KEACH: Sure. Do you have more for
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   Joel?
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             MS. KNEPP: Related to the comments.
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   mean, I think, since we already have a dog park, one
   would assume that any incidents would be similar.
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             MR. DICKERSON: Right.
             MS. KNEPP: So as far as, you know, some of
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   the things he's concerned about, smell, dog fights,
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   dog getting on the loose, do you have any idea on how
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   often those --
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             MR. DICKERSON: As far as dogs getting on
   the loose -- and I know he referenced being on a
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   leash, the point of a dog park is so you can have a
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   place --
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                         Right.
            MS. KNEPP:
            MR. DICKERSON: -- for dogs to be off a
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   leash.
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             MS. KNEPP: And you usually have, like, a
   double gate system.
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             MR. DICKERSON: Yep. And that is the on the
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   site plan. Did you all receive the site plan?
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             MR. KEACH:
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MR. DICKERSON:
                             Okay. There are -- there is
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   two separate secondary containment areas of fencing;
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   one for the small dog area, one for the large dog
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   area, essentially like a lock, right. You go in
   through one area, close the gate, and you're still not
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    into the dog park.
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             MS. KNEPP: Right.
             MR. DICKERSON: Then you go through a second
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   gate, and you're in there. So as far as liability
   concerns are -- as far as there are liability
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   concerns, the liability from a pet is always the
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   owner's responsibility. So if a dog were to get
   loose, that liability would land on the owner's
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   responsibility.
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             MS. KNEPP: Right. Right. And, obviously,
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   you have that just with them walking their dogs.
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             MR. DICKERSON:
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             MS. KNEPP: But, I mean, do you know, are
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   there a significant amount of dogs getting loose from
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   the current park area?
             MR. DICKERSON: No.
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             MS. KNEPP: Fights, I mean, are there
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anything where, like, there has been police presence

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   to deal with fights in the dog park?
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             MR. DICKERSON:
                             In the ten years that I've
   been here, I can recall two instances where we had to
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   have someone come because two dogs got into a fight.
    I mean, when you get dogs into an area, I think
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   eventually it's inevitable that some of them won't,
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   personality-wise, get along. But there are some --
   there is signage that will be at this park that, you
   know, if you have an aggressive dog, a dog with an
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   aggressive temperament, we ask you not to use this
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   location.
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            It's also one of the main purposes of
   separating the small dog area from the large dog area;
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    that seems to be where a lot of the confrontation
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   happens. And, actually, the two scenarios that we
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   have had were both scenarios where a small dog was let
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    into the large dog area, and the small dog, actually,
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   was the aggressor in the situation.
             MS. KNEPP: Okay. And then smell, I mean,
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   I've been out to the one on Oakwood --
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             MR. DICKERSON:
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MS. KNEPP: -- I don't ever really notice a

I know you're supposed to pick up your own dog

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smell.

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1 stuff. Does park staff go out there periodically and
2 look to see if --
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- MR. DICKERSON: So we will provide bags and 3 garbage receptacles there. Those garage receptacles 4 get emptied three times a week, Mondays, Wednesdays, 5 and Fridays. Our park maintenance staff mows every 6 property that we have at least once a week. This may be twice a week due to it being irrigated. And our park maintenance staff in an area this small would be 9 able to go out and scan the area and pick up anything 10 11 before they mow.
  - It's our goal, obviously, always, to maintain clean, safe spaces as well. So, you know, we don't want a smell coming from any of our parks either. So we would do everything within our power to minimize that.
  - MS. KNEPP: And your thought is -- I know there is parking, but your intention is that people can walk to this park.
- 20 MR. DICKERSON: Right.

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MS. KNEPP: Right. So while there will be people that drive there, hopefully people will be walking.

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MR. DICKERSON: Pedestrian access is what we anticipate the majority of usage being.
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MR. BARTON: Now, will the lighting be on all night, or does it go off?

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lighting systems.

- MR. DICKERSON: It will be on a photocell,
  most likely, where it would come on when it gets dark,
  and it would turn off at a certain time. We can set
  those hours and parameters a lot of times within those
- MS. KNEPP: It's a catch-22, though,

  because, if you want to make sure it's safe, you don't

  necessarily want it dark.
  - MR. DICKERSON: What I can tell you is all the lights that we would purchase would come with a photometric study that would make sure there's no overspill from the property.
- MR. BARTON: That was the next question I had.
- MR. DICKERSON: Yep. These are going to be lights that are mounted pointing down.
- MS. KNEPP: And I didn't drive out there.

  Do you know, like, where the street lights are in that

  area? Are there street lights around that property?

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MR. DAVIS: I'd have to look.
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             MR. KEACH: Usually at an intersection --
             MR. DICKERSON: There are street lights in
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   the vicinity. I couldn't tell you exactly where those
   are off the top of my head.
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             MR. ZOBRIST: Joel, on your hours for a dog
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   park, I mean, 5 AM, I mean, that could be predawn.
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   o'clock for sure is past dusk.
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             MR. DICKERSON:
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             MR. ZOBRIST: I mean, no matter what kind of
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   park it was, that close to a residential area --
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             MR. DICKERSON: Uh-huh.
             MR. ZOBRIST: -- isn't ideal to me if I
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   lived across the street. So I personally am not
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   opposed to the use, but I'm not real excited about the
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   hours.
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            MR. DICKERSON: Yeah.
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             MR. ZOBRIST: It seems like it ought to be
   daylight.
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             MR. DICKERSON: We do have one park
   property -- we have one park property, Ulrich Wildlife
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   Preserve, which we do have more restrictive hour usage
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on than we do at all of our other parks. That one is

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   a dawn until dusk time. I am certain that if that was
    something that the village wanted the park board to
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   consider, that the park board would be amenable to
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   that.
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             MR. CIRILLI: Joel, just on a usage, I'm
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   sure, like, the demand is -- you're meeting a
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   demand --
             MR. DICKERSON: Right.
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             MR. CIRILLI: -- here, like, walkability.
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   There's multi units in the area.
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             MR. DICKERSON:
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             MR. CIRILLI: I mean, it's a unique piece.
   It's not designed for everything, like, a large-scale
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   playground or something.
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             MR. DICKERSON: And it has been sitting
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   vacant for quite a while.
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             MR. CIRILLI: Correct.
             MR. DICKERSON: When the park board
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   considered this property and what the possibilities
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   could be, we always look at the current inventory of
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   designed for children to play. We have a lot of
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athletic parks that are specifically designed for -whether that's baseball, softball, soccer, football,
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We do, however, have an ordinance against dogs in most of those parks. Any park that our park district has where we have organized athletics, we do not allow dogs on or off leash in those parks. So if you can just kind of think off the top of your head, that's most of our parks.

Oakwood, we allow dogs off leash in the dog park. At Northwood Park, due to its size and kind of remote nature, we allow dogs on leash at that park. Ulrich Wildlife Preserve, we allow dogs on leash at that location. And then on the bike trail and Lakewood Park, we also allow dogs on leash. But we really don't have many opportunities for dogs to have a place to be off leash.

When you brought up the idea of -- or the fact of multifamily units that are close in that area, there are a number of apartment complexes that are in the immediate vicinity of that where those renters don't necessarily have fenced in yards of their own to be able to use for their pets. So that was one of the

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   items that was considered by the board as far the
   location goes; that led to them thinking this would be
   a primary location to put a dog park.
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            MR. KEACH: So is there -- this is a
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   question for maybe Craig or Zack. Is there, like, a
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   walking or bike trail planned in the future right by
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   that location? It seems like we -- there was a
   space --
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             MR. DAVIS: I've heard ideas but nothing
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            MR. KEACH: -- for a bike trail right next
   to -- behind the new building.
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            MR. DAVIS:
                         Sure. I haven't seen anything
   on paper. I've heard ideas about bike trails
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   everywhere in Morton, to be honest with you. I know
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   that's a big focus of a lot of people. I know that's
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   been talked about, but I haven't actually heard how
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   that would actually work to get from that point in
   town.
          I have no idea.
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             MR. KEACH: All right. Any other questions
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MR. HOOLEY: Can I ask one -- a couple clarifying questions based off what Kara said?

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1 MR. KEACH: Yes. Go ahead.
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2 MR. HOOLEY: Do you need me to approach

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4 MR. KEACH: You need to go up to the 5 microphone.

MR. HOOLEY: So you said, Kara, that we do have the park out on the north side of town. And, again, instances are only as good as they get reported. So there could more issues happening out there. I don't know if you've checked with Tazewell County Health Department, if they've had any issues with dogs coming in saying that they've been around other dogs or there's an issue with any diseases or anything. I'm sure there's not, but I'm just saying, if they haven't been confronted, there might be more situations there than proposed.

But you had mentioned that there was one north of town and that you have visited it, and it is clean. I do live out that way as well, so I do drive past it two, three times a day, actually, and it is a very nice park. It's very nice. It's large, but it is in the country. It's not in the city. So when dogs bark, you don't hear it. If they're off the

1 leash, you really don't care.

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So those are kind of my concerns because you said it's going to be a double fenced in area, but it's not going to be fenced in from the inside to where the cars are parked, right. So if they come outside of the park -- if I had the drawing there -- if they come outside of the park where the cars are coming in and out with the parking --

MR. DICKERSON: They would be required to be on leash.

MR. HOOLEY: That doesn't mean that they're always going to be. The requirement is they're going to be on leash. That's my point. They can come out of the park all amped up. They take off jetting through there, right. They're kind of in a stage of excitement. I'm not sure what would really happen to them at that point.

So I just wanted to clarify, though, that for north of the town, some of the things that you have called out, that you probably don't have those instances because they are not in town. And when things happen outside of the city limits, kind of out on the edge of town, you're not going to hear those

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   dogs barking or complaining.
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            I know my fellow neighbors are not here
   tonight that live directly across the street as well.
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   There's about three, four houses there. I don't see
   them here voicing any concerns either, but I'm sure
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   they have some opinions around it as well as they do
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   and do not have pets of their own. So appreciate it.
   Thank you again.
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             MR. KEACH: Thank you. Okay. So any
   discussion?
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             MR. BARTON:
                          Should we have a -- change the
    lighting or leave it as is, or can we recommend?
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             MS. KNEPP: For the lighting, like the
   lighting hours?
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             MR. BARTON: Lighting hours, yeah.
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             MR. KEACH: So here's what we're doing today
    is we're just approving or disapproving a special use.
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             MR. DAVIS:
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             MR. KEACH:
                         The specific details of the
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   design actually go between the park district and the
   village.
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             MR. BARTON:
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             MR. KEACH:
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1 from --2 MR. BARTON: So we can't recommend anything? I mean, your comments are on 3 MR. KEACH: record, and, you know, perhaps they would go in the 4 record, but we don't -- we don't -- we don't approve 5 it contingent upon anything like that. We're just 6 asked if this is a good special use. If I could say, though. 8 MR. ZOBRIST: Ι 9 know we've done approvals in the past with -- we've approved land use changes with added landscape. 10 So I 11 guess I'm -- I'm only willing to approve this if it 12 had dawn to dusk hours. So if -- I don't see why we couldn't make a motion that said that; therefore, it's 13 going to the village that way. They could overrule 14 it, but we're saying that's our recommendation, which 15 is all we're doing. 16 MR. DAVIS: And the board will receive all 17 18 these transcripts. I work with Leigh, and we get everything set up so they get the minutes from both of 19 20 the meetings tonight. 21 MR. KEACH: Okay. 22 MR. RITTERBUSCH: I agree. I think we ought

to limit the hours. I think dusk to dawn type of

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1 thing is the best way to deal with this -- or dawn to 2 dusk.
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- 3 MR. KEACH: Any other comments?
- 4 MR. HILLIARD: I just -- I think
- 5 | Commissioner Knepp also, if she had something she
- 6 | wanted to recommend on hours of the lighting.
- 7 MS. KNEPP: I think the lighting is a hard
- 8 one because I look at it from both perspectives. You,
- 9 | obviously, don't want the lighting inconveniencing
- 10 | neighbors, but you also want it to be able to be
- 11 | patrolled and be able to evaluate if there's anything
- 12 going on. And so I'm hopeful that, you know, like
- 13 | they said, they're going to do a study on how much the
- 14 | spillover is. And if it's too bright, hopefully
- 15 | Joel's willing to work with that and limit the hours
- 16 | later on would be my take on it.
- 17 MR. KEACH: So I have a comment. I feel
- 18 | like maybe the dog park is one of the more controlled
- 19 | things you could do in that spot. If you put a
- 20 | playground there, I guess you'd still -- you could
- 21 | still fence it.
- MR. DICKERSON: You'd have to.
- 23 MR. KEACH: Yeah, but that is a very busy

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1 intersection. It's not like it's a very serene
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- 2 | location.
- 3 MR. DICKERSON: The shape of the property
- 4 | itself kind of dictates what could or couldn't go
- 5 | there.
- 6 MR. KEACH: Yeah. I guess I feel like it
- 7 | would probably get a lot of use. There's a lot of dog
- 8 | walking going on around town, people and dogs. Any
- 9 other comments? any discussion?
- 10 So we can make a recommendation with some
- 11 | contingencies in it, but I guess the village could --
- 12 | they don't have to approve our contingencies either.
- 13 | I mean, they just hear what we -- they get to hear
- 14 | what we think.
- MR. CIRILLI: The only concerns we have is
- 16 the hours. Am I correct in saying that? Is that our
- 17 | contingency?
- 18 MR. KEACH: Somebody has to make a motion,
- 19 | but I don't know.
- 20 MS. KNEPP: Lighting was discussed. I
- 21 personally would prefer just the hours and leave the
- 22 | lighting.
- 23 MR. DICKERSON: If I could just briefly

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   speak to lighting. We have parks like McClallen Park,
   the soccer park, which has 70-foot-tall light poles
   that do get used on occasion until 11 o'clock at
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   night, and there are residents within that vicinity.
   Obviously, we want to do everything within our power
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   to limit the impact that it's going to have on the
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   neighbors as well. And like Ms. Knepp said here that
   we would absolutely consult the studies and make sure
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   that's going to be appropriate lighting for that
   location.
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             MR. KEACH:
                         It's a design issue.
             MR. DICKERSON: Right.
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             MR. AUPPERLE:
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   security standpoint. I -- you know, that is -- that
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   area is pretty heavily patrolled. It's on their
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   circuit. I can agree with the dusk to dawn hours if
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   we were to make that recommendation. But that
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   photometric study, I mean, those things aren't wrong,
   you know. But, from a security standpoint, I do agree
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   with it.
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             MR. KEACH: Well, I think lighting is one
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   thing and hours of use are another. So I really like
   the idea of limiting the hours too so that somebody's
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- 2 o'clock at night. I think the dusk to dawn is a good
- 3 | idea too.
- 4 MR. ZOBRIST: I'd make a motion to approve
- 5 | subject to the hours being dusk to dawn and that
- 6 | lighting -- appropriately lighting studies are
- 7 designed for the property.
- 8 MR. BARTON: I'll second.
- 9 MR. KEACH: We have a --
- 10 MR. HILLIARD: Do you mean dawn to dusk?
- 11 MR. ZOBRIST: Yes. I'm sorry. That would
- 12 be defeating the purpose, wouldn't it?
- MR. HILLIARD: If I could just add something
- 14 on that. I know there was concern of 5 AM with a dog
- 15 | barking and disturbing individuals; here in another
- 16 | month or so, it's going to be pretty light at 5 AM.
- 17 | So keep in mind.
- 18 MR. KEACH: So that's valid. Yeah. It's
- 19 dawn anyway.
- 20 MS. KNEPP: Yeah. Hopefully their dogs
- 21 | aren't barking.
- 22 MR. DAVIS: So we have a motion by Zobrist,
- 23 and did we have a second as well?

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             MR. BARTON:
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             MR. DAVIS:
                         Barton.
             MR. KEACH: So without further discussion,
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   we can do a roll call.
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             MR. DAVIS: Okay. Knepp.
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             MS. KNEPP:
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             MR. DAVIS: Ritterbusch.
             MR. RITTERBUSCH:
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             MR. DAVIS: Cirilli.
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             MR. CIRILLI:
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             MR. DAVIS: Keach.
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             MR. KEACH: Yes.
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             MR. DAVIS: Zobrist.
             MR. ZOBRIST:
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             MR. DAVIS:
                         Aupperle.
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             MR. AUPPERLE:
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             MR. DAVIS:
                         Barton.
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             MR. BARTON:
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             MR. KEACH: Okay. That closes our public
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   hearing. We have some other business tonight.
   There's an easement vacation plat for lots 80 and 81
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   in Wolf Crossing, and the pin numbers are given there
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   on the agenda.
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            Zack, is that something you can speak to a
   little bit?
             MR. DAVIS: Sure. So this is going to be on
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   the west end of Timber Wolf Drive out there in Wolf
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   Crossing. There's a gentleman that's going to be
   combining two lots at the end of that cul de sac area,
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   and this is basically just our part of the process of
   vacating those utility easements, exactly like I did
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   last month at our PC meeting. No permitting will
   happen; no construction will start until we get all
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   the sign-offs from the utility companies to just
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   confirm that they are releasing their right to be
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   there.
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             MR. KEACH:
   motion to approve that from us?
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             MR. DAVIS: Yes, sir.
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   anybody? Then let's have a motion.
             MR. RITTERBUSCH: I make a motion that we
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   adopt this vacation of the easements.
             MR. AUPPERLE:
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MR. DAVIS: Cirilli.

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MR. KEACH: First and a second. Roll call.

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            MR. CIRILLI: Yes.
             MR. DAVIS: Knepp.
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            MS. KNEPP: Yes.
            MR. DAVIS: Ritterbusch.
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            MR. RITTERBUSCH:
                               Yes.
            MR. DAVIS: Yordy -- not here. Aupperle.
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            MR. AUPPERLE: Yes.
            MR. DAVIS: Keach.
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             MR. KEACH: Yes.
            MR. DAVIS: Zobrist.
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            MR. ZOBRIST:
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            MR. DAVIS: Barton.
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            MR. BARTON: Yes.
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            MR. DAVIS: Passes.
            MR. KEACH: Any other business from the
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   village tonight?
            MR. HILLIARD: No, Mr. Chairman.
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             MR. KEACH: I'd entertain a motion to
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   adjourn.
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            MR. ZOBRIST: So moved.
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            MR. KEACH: And a movement.
            MR. AUPPERLE:
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                            Second.
            MR. KEACH: Okay. All in favor say aye.
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ALL IN UNISON: Aye.
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             (Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.)
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#### MORTON PLAN COMMISSION MINUTES – APRIL 28th, 2025

The Plan Commission met on Monday April 28, 2025, at 7:00 P.M., Chairman Keach presiding. Present: Cirilli, Keach, Ritterbusch, Barton, Knepp, Aupperle and Zobrist. Absent: Geil and Yordy. Also in attendance: Zoning Officer Zack Davis and Trustee Craig Hilliard

Aupperle made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2025, meeting. Barton seconded the motion to approve. The February 24, 2025, minutes were unanimously approved by a voice vote.

#### **Public Hearing(s):**

**A) Petition 25-02SP** Subject property is located at 420 E. Washington St. A petition has been filed requesting a Special Use at this property. The current zoning is R-1. The proposed change would be R-1 with a Special Use to permit a Publicly owned park.

The petitioner (Morton Park District represented by Director Joel Dickerson) addressed the commission. He explained the Park District's intentions to create a dog park on this parcel and explained the site plan provided to the Plan Commission.

Public Comment: Property owner Chad Hooley, 25023 Cooper Rd.) spoke in opposition to the proposed park as a whole and brought up areas of impact to the surrounding properties. After discussion by the Plan Commission, Zobrist made a motion to recommend approval of the special use. Aupperle made a second motion to approve. This was followed by a vote to give the petition a favorable or unfavorable recommendation for approval by the Village Board of Trustees.

Yes – Knepp, Ritterbusch, Cirilli, Keach, Zobrist, Aupperle and Barton No – None Absent – Yordy, Geil

#### **Other Business:**

A) Easement Vacation Plat – Lots 80 & 81 in Wolf Crossing (P.I.N. 06-06-05-202-023 and P.I.N. 06-06-05-202-024). Zoning Officer Zack Davis presented the Easement Vacation Plat explaining that the Village has been in communication with the property owner/future home builder at the location. After the brief explanation, a motion to approve was made by Ritterbusch. A second motion to approve was made by Aupperle. This was followed by a vote to approve.

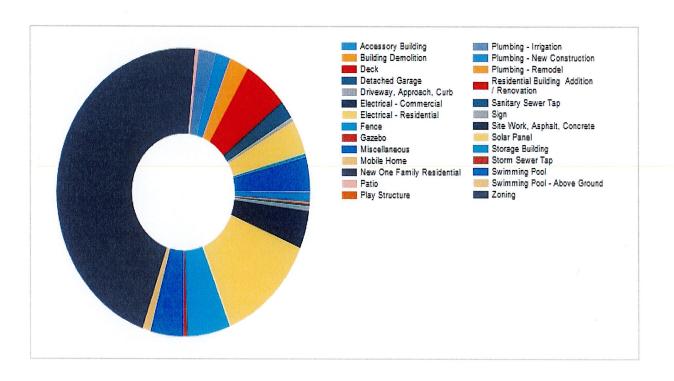
Yes – Knepp, Ritterbusch, Geil, Cirilli, Keach, Yordy, Aupperle, Barton No – None Absent – Geil, Yordy

With no further business, Zobrist made a motion to adjourn. A second motion to adjourn was made by Aupperle. With a voice roll call, there was unanimous approval to adjourn.

## **Permit Type Report**

## Permit Date 02/01/2025 to 04/30/2025

Description	Fees	Project Cost	Permits
Accessory Building	\$532.50	105,500.00	4
Building Demolition	\$100.00	0.00	2
Deck	\$50.00	3,000.00	1
Detached Garage	\$85.00	0.00	1
Driveway, Approach, Curb	\$270.00	26,755.00	6
Electrical - Commercial	\$2,140.80	192,900.00	4
Electrical - Residential	\$6,404.00	27,055.00	37
Fence	\$2,764.00	195,249.39	29
Gazebo	\$270.00	55,000.00	1
Miscellaneous	\$2,100.00	0.00	17
Mobile Home	\$513.00	48,000.00	6
New One Family Residential	\$23,282.96	2,200,000.00	3
Patio	\$200.00	29,386.00	4
Play Structure	\$0.00	11,055.80	4
Plumbing - Irrigation	\$1,122.16	0.00	1
Plumbing - New Construction	\$955.00	0.00	4
Plumbing - Remodel	\$1,260.00	0.00	5
Residential Building Addition / Renovation	\$2,840.55	809,581.51	6
Sanitary Sewer Tap	\$1,050.00	22,914.00	20
Sign	\$250.00	257,072.55	6
Site Work, Asphalt, Concrete	\$0.00	0.00	2
Solar Panel	\$1,950.00	413,521.92	13
Storage Building	\$150.00	39,500.00	3
Storm Sewer Tap	\$50.00	0.00	1
Swimming Pool	\$1,934.00	170,000.00	2
Swimming Pool - Above Ground	\$50.00	9,000.00	2
Zoning	\$0.00	0.00	5
Total	\$50,323.97	4,615,491.17	189



# **Permit Type Report**

### Permit Date 05/01/2024 to 04/30/2025

Description	Fees	Project Cost	Permits
Accessory Building	\$632.50	109,600.00	6
Building Demolition	\$454.00	0.00	23
Commercial Building Addition / Renovation	\$7,516.25	1,600,000.00	2
Deck	\$450.00	79,825.00	10
Deck / Patio	\$150.00	23,440.00	3
Detached Garage	\$85.00	0.00	1
Driveway, Approach, Curb	\$1,420.00	199,632.00	32
Egress Window	\$1,278.00	0.00	6
Electrical - Commercial	\$12,519.47	1,235,461.00	32
Electrical - Residential	\$33,326.00	266,445.43	219
Fence	\$6,414.00	731,246.53	103
Foundation	\$650.00	6,000.00	5
Gazebo	\$270.00	55,000.00	1
Home Occupation	\$50.00	0.00	2
Miscellaneous	\$7,100.00	9,015.00	70
Mobile Home	\$1,457.00	167,000.00	13
New Commercial Building	\$40,700.32	4,144,000.00	2
New Industrial Building	\$6,394.25	400,000.00	1
New One Family Residential	\$76,377.25	6,713,000.00	13
Patio	\$1,150.00	150,212.00	24
Pergola	\$150.00	9,000.00	3
Play Structure	\$0.00	14,755.80	6
Plumbing - Fire Sprinklers	\$645.00	0.00	1
Plumbing - Irrigation	\$3,703.16	0.00	5
Plumbing - New Construction	\$5,115.00	110,000.00	18
Plumbing - Remodel	\$4,910.00	75,639.56	22
Residential Building Addition / Renovation	\$15,419.95	3,611,521.63	20
Sanitary Sewer Tap	\$3,272.00	42,931.00	59
Sign	\$425.00	302,552.37	14
Site Work, Asphalt, Concrete	\$1,400.00	443,635.00	10
Solar Panel	\$15,900.00	4,795,890.18	108
Storage Building	\$1,750.00	196,582.49	36
Storm Sewer Tap	\$500.00	0.00	10
Swimming Pool	\$8,450.00	971,000.00	12
Swimming Pool - Above Ground	\$400.00	35,000.00	6
Variance	\$350.00	0.00	2
Zoning	\$0.00	0.00	41

Zoning Amendment / Special Use	\$350.00	0.00	2
Total	\$261,134.15	26,498,384.99	943

