

**MORTON PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES – JANUARY 22, 2018**

The Plan Commission met on Monday, January 22, 2018, at the Freedom Hall, at 7:00 P.M., Jeff Keach presiding. Present: Keach, Ritterbusch, Smock, Westlake, Knepp, Elam and Fick. Absent: Ferrill and Zobrist. Also in attendance: Attorney McGrath, and Planning and Zoning Officer Spangler.

Smock made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2017 meeting seconded by Ritterbusch, followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

Petition for Annexation Oak Lawn Mobile Estates. Attorney Jim Benckendorf spoke on behalf of the petitioner. Attorney Benckendorf stated that the piece of ground to be annexed has a couple buildings on it that are currently used by Oak Lawn. Oak Lawn is selling the mobile home park and would like to include this piece with the sale. After minimal discussion from the board, a motion to approve was made by Fick. A second to approve was made by Knepp. This was followed by a vote to approve.

Elam	Yes	Ritterbusch	Yes
Westlake	Yes	Keach	Yes
Smock	Yes	Knepp	Yes
Fick	Yes		

Approved

An Ordinance Making Amendments Regarding Solar Energy Systems To Chapter 4 Of Title 10 Of The Morton Municipal Code. Attorney McGrath explained that the Village felt the need for this Ordinance due to the increased interest. Al Kaiser spoke from the public. Mr. Kaiser inquired if the Ordinance would allow solar panels to be installed on the front elevation of a house. It was confirmed that the Ordinance would allow this. After discussion, Fick made a motion to approve with the amendment to eliminate B-2, B-3, and I-1 from paragraph F. Also in Sec. C-2-C Page 3 to substitute the phrase “solar hot water systems” so it conforms to other definitions of the Ordinance. A second to approve was made by Ritterbusch. This was followed by a vote to approve.

Elam	Yes	Ritterbusch	Yes
Westlake	Yes	Keach	Yes
Smock	Yes	Knepp	Yes
Fick	Yes		

Approved

An Ordinance Making Amendments Regarding Murals to Section 10-9-8 of Chapter 9 of Title 10 of the Morton Municipal Code. Attorney McGrath spoke about the concerns that there is not a need for this Ordinance at this time. Since the Village does not currently have a demand for the requests of Murals. A motion was made to not approve the Ordinance by Smock. A second to not approve was made by Westlake. This was followed by a vote to not approve.

Elam	Yes	Ritterbusch	Yes
Westlake	Yes	Keach	Yes
Smock	Yes	Knepp	Yes
Fick	Yes		

Approved

OTHER BUSINESS:

Sara Grimm Subdivision Preliminary and Final Plats. Planning and Zoning Officer Spangler explained a Variance had been granted at the ZBA meeting for this property. Ritterbusch made a motion to approve. A second to approve was made by Elam. This was followed by a vote to approve.

Elam	Yes	Ritterbusch	Yes
Westlake	Yes	Keach	Yes
Smock	Yes	Knepp	Yes
Fick	Yes		

Approved

Corey Subdivision Preliminary and Final Plats. Planning and Zoning Officer Spangler informed the board that the Village has looked at this and is good with what was being presented. A motion to approve was made Fick. A second to approve was made by Knepp. This was followed by a vote to approve.

Elam	Yes	Ritterbusch	Yes
Westlake	Yes	Keach	Yes
Smock	Yes	Knepp	Yes
Fick	Yes		

Planning and Zoning Officer Spangler had nothing to report.

With no further business, Westlake made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Knepp, followed by a unanimous voice vote. The next regular meeting of the Plan Commission will be held on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.