

**MORTON PLAN COMMISSION
MINUTES-FEBRUARY 25, 2019**

The Plan Commission met on Monday, February 25, 2019, at the Freedom Hall, at 7:00 P.M., Acting Chairman Keach presiding. Present: Ritterbusch, Smock, Knepp, Keach, Fick and Deweese. Absent: Ferrill, Westlake and Zobrist. Also in attendance: Planning and Zoning Officer Roger Spangler, Trustee Rod Blunier and Attorney Pat McGrath.

Ritterbusch made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2018 meeting. Knepp seconded them. With a voice roll call, they were unanimously approved.

Public Hearing(s): The following proposed Ordinance Amendments were presented by ZEO Spangler.

- 1) **An Ordinance Making Amendments Regarding Pavement Setbacks to Chapter 4 of Title 10 of the Morton Municipal Code.** ZEO Spangler stated that this Amendment is not being changed, but only moved from the General Regulations to the proper zoning districts that they pertain to. This will create a more user-friendly Ordinance.
- 2) **An Ordinance Making Amendments Regarding Retail Brewing Facilities to Title 10 of the Morton Municipal Code.** ZEO Spangler stated that we currently do not have anything in our Ordinances that gives a potential business an avenue to have a business like this in Morton. This new Ordinance will provide this.
- 3) **An Ordinance Making Amendments Regarding Political Signs to Chapter 9 of Title 10 of the Morton Municipal Code.** ZEO Spangler stated that this change would make the sign Ordinance consistent between all Zoning Districts.
- 4) **An Ordinance Making Amendments Regarding Solar Electric Systems to Chapter 4 of Title 10 of the Morton Municipal Code.** ZEO Spangler stated that some of the regulations are no longer needed. We are just eliminating the language that is contradictory. The Ordinance is not changing.
- 5) **An Ordinance Making Amendments Regarding Limitations on Accessory Uses to Chapter 4 of Title 10 of the Morton Municipal Code.** ZEO stated that eliminating the number of Accessory Uses is needed. Homeowners are wanting to incorporate more features in their back yards. The amount of area that Accessory Uses can occupy at 60% is not being changed.
- 6) **An Ordinance Making Amendments Regarding Exceptions to Yard Requirements to Chapter 4 of Title 10 of the Morton Municipal Code.** ZEO Spangler stated that this change would allow for balconies, decks, and patios to be included in the allowed items to be in the required setback area.

There was very little discussion amongst the board and no one from the public spoke. A motion to approve all the proposed changes was made by Fick. A second to approve was made by Smock. This was followed by a voice roll to approve. The proposed changes were unanimously approved.

Other Business: None

Roger Spangler: ZEO Spangler informed the board that the 2018 Map Revisions, 2019 Zoning Map, and 2019 Official Map will be available on the Village of Morton website as soon as they are approved by the Village Board.

With no further business, Ritterbusch made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Knepp, followed by a unanimous voice vote to adjourn.