

**MORTON PLAN COMMISSION
MINUTES-JANUARY 23, 2023**

The Plan Commission met on Monday, January 23, 2023, at 7:00 P.M., Vice Chairman DeWeese presiding. Present: Geil, Knepp, Ritterbusch, Yordy, DeWeese. Absent: Keach, Zobrist, Aupperle. Also, in attendance: Zoning Officer Brad Marks, Trustee Craig Hilliard, and Attorney Pat McGrath.

Ritterbusch made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2022, meeting. Knepp seconded the motion to approve. The December 19, 2022, minutes were unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Public Hearing(s):

Petition No. 23-01 SP: Subject property is PIN 06-06-19-300-012. The subject parcel is described as SEC 19 T25N R3W SW ¼ (EXTRACTS) 75.03 AC. A petition has been filed requesting a zoning change from I-2 to I-2 with a special use to allow Grid-Scale Energy Storage described as Storage, sale, distribution, or primary usage of explosive, highly flammable, highly toxic, or radioactive materials. The representative for the petitioner (Will Frost) addressed the Plan Commission. Mr. Frost gave a presentation and stated the proposed project details. During the public comment portion of the meeting, several people spoke with comments and questions. Attorney McGrath presented a list of recommended conditions for the Plan Commission to include if the special use was given a favorable recommendation. After discussion amongst the Plan Commission (see transcripts), a motion to approve was made by Yordy. A second motion to approve was made by Ritterbusch. This was followed by a vote to approve.

Yes-Ritterbusch, DeWeese

No-Knepp, Geil, Yordy

Petition No. 23-01 SP was not approved for a favorable recommendation.

Petition No. 23-02 ZA: Subject property is all of that part of PIN 06-06-20-100-003 lying south of the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railway Right of Way, being approximately 18.737 acres and all of PIN 06-06-20-101-002. A petition has been filed requesting a zoning change from I-2 to B-1. Zoning Officer Marks represented the Village of Morton as the petitioner. Zoning Officer Marks stated that the Village has an agreement to purchase the property and would like to rezone it to a more restrictive zoning classification. There was one person from the public that addressed the Commission. After discussion amongst the Plan Commission (see transcripts), a motion to approve was made by Ritterbusch. A second motion to approve was made by Knepp. This was followed by a vote to approve.

Yes-Knepp, Geil, Ritterbusch, DeWeese, Yordy

No-None

Petition No. 23-02 ZA was approved for a favorable recommendation.

Other Business:

None

Brad Marks:

Nothing

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