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, Zobrist, 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.