ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MINUTES – APRIL 28, 2025

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on Monday, April 28, 2025, at Freedom Hall, at 6:00 P.M. Chairman Wharram presiding. Present: Butterfield, Jones, Spahr, Kelso and Wharram. Absent: Hanback and Bartholomew. Also, in attendance: Zack Davis and Craig Hilliard.

Butterfield made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 23rd, 2024, ZBA meeting. Spahr seconded the motion to approve. The minutes from the September 23, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved by a voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

Case No. 25-03: A variance has been requested for the property located at 420 E. Washington St. The petitioner seeks a variance from Section 10-5-3 of the Village of Morton Municipal Code in relation fence height limitations and fence materials/type (6 ft. chain link to enclose a proposed Special Use in R-1 – a Publicly Owned Park). The petitioner (Morton Park District represented by Director Joel Dickerson) addressed the board. He explained the Park District's intentions to create a dog park on this parcel and explained the site plan provided to the Zoning Board of Approvals that included the use of 6', black vinyl coated chain-link fencing. On a parcel zoned R-1, only 4' chain link fence is permitted by code language.

Public Comment: Property owner Chad Hooley, 25023 Cooper Rd.) spoke in opposition to the proposed park as a whole. Chairman Wharram clarified that the meeting only addressed the use of 6' chain link fencing and Mr. Hooley would attend the Plan Commission to follow and make additional comments there. After brief discussion by the ZBA, Jones made a motion to approve the variance. Kelso made a second motion to approve. This was followed by a vote to approve.

Yes- Spahr, Kelso, Wharram, Jones, Butterfield
No- None
Absent – Bartholomew, Hanback

Case No. 25-03 was approved by the ZBA

Other Business: None

With no further business, Butterfield made a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Kelso. A voice vote to adjourn was unanimously approved.