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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SPARKS RAY A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC [FMBH]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/21/2017	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person			

MATTOON, IL 61938

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owne							
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of any Code (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or		of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	08/21/2017		Code V	14,285	D		55,828	I	By Sparks Investment Group Lp
Common Stock	08/21/2017		S	15,000	D	\$ 35	40,828	I	By Sparks Investment Group Lp
Common Stock							282,858	D	
Common Stock							1,822	I	By Child
							24,963.143	I	

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Common Stock			By Deferred Compensation Plan
Common Stock	18,880	I	By Sparks Foundation
Common Stock	32,782	I	By Spouse

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (Instr.	8)]	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Secur	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code	V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
SPARKS RAY A								
1421 CHARLESTON AVE	X							
MATTOON, IL 61938								

Signatures

/s/ Michael L. Taylor, attorney-in-fact for Mr. 08/21/2017 Sparks

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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