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## **But some contract bids postponed until October**

*Although the deadline on some contract bids has been pushed back, Glen Ellyn Park District officials expect construction of the Ackerman Park Sports Complex to begin as scheduled in November.*

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The Village Board unanimously approved a series of zoning variations in July that ensured the proposed 88,845-square-foot facility will meet village codes.

During the summer, the Park District received 64 proposals for various aspects of construction.

Some of the bids still need to be assigned, but officials do not see that as an obstacle to beginning construction on time. The unfulfilled bids are not needed for the early stages of construction and represent a small part of the entire project, said Dave Scarmardo, superintendent of parks.

Officials hope to award the outstanding bids in October.

Also, before work on the sports complex can begin, the Park District must make sure the 50-foot buffer zone surrounding wetlands in separate parts of Ackerman Park is not infringed upon by of the sports complex work.

The complex, which will be situated north of the intersection of Riford and St. Charles roads, was approved by voters in a 2006 public referendum.

The facility will host several indoor athletic venues, including three full-size basketball courts, a soccer field and a walking track.

The project will cost between \$7 million and \$8 million.

The Park District estimates the complex will be completed in 12 to 14 months.