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Sports complex clears hurdle

It's official: Construction on the Glen Ellyn Park District's new sports complex in Ackerman Park will begin in November

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The Village Board unanimously approved a series of zoning variations July 28 that ensure the proposed 88,845-square-foot facility will meet village code.

"We're happy and feeling good about it," parks foreman James Warnstedt said. "It was a big process going through the architectural review."

The complex will sit north of the intersection of Riford and St. Charles roads and was approved by a public referendum in March 2006.

The facility will host several athletic venues, including a soccer field, basketball court and indoor track.

A special-use permit was issued to give the Park District the option of creating a 15,500-square-foot addition to the complex, if done in the next 10 years.

Zoning variations were approved for a total parking capacity of 520 spaces, as opposed to the mandated 1,037. Building height was approved at 53 feet, 10.5 inches, compared with the previous limit of 35 feet. And landscaping islands for the front are to be added.

The appearance of the building also required sign variations. A third sign on the property was approved, as was a height of 21 feet for the front sign, exceeding the previous maximum of five feet. And the total square footage of the signs in Ackerman Park was increased to the 267 square feet, as opposed to the previous 48 square feet allowable.

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

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