

## Village Board to Discuss School District 87 Variation Requests

Glenbard High School District 87 has requested multiple variances to allow construction of improvements to Memorial Field to include the installation of lights, permanent bleachers, a batting cage, impervious surface and a fence and gate. The Plan Commission considered these requests during 11 meetings and on December 20, the Plan Commission voted to recommend that the Village Board approve these variances, subject to a number of recommended conditions. The next step is for the Village Board to consider the matter and decide whether to approve or deny the variance requests. Below are some frequently asked questions regarding the process moving forward.

### Frequently Asked Questions:

#### **Q: When will the Village Board hear the requests?**

A: The Village Board will discuss the variation requests during the January 23 and January 30 Workshops which begin at 6:30pm. The Board is expected to vote on the matter during the January 30 Special Meeting which begins at 8pm. However, the Board could chose to request additional information/meetings if there are any outstanding issues. As of now, no outstanding issues are expected, as the Board will come to the meetings having read the verbatim transcripts from the 11 public hearings conducted by the Plan Commission, the entire application packet, all letters and emails submitted to the Village on the topic, all presentation materials shared at the meetings, all reports prepared by consultants on the project, and any additional information submitted to the Village regarding the request.

#### **Q: What schedule will the Village Board follow?**

A: The Village Board will follow the schedule below.

<b>Village Board Process for Hearing District 87's Variation Requests</b>	
<b>Meeting One - Village Board Workshop - January 23, 2012 - 6:30 p.m.</b>	
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Minutes</b>
I. Welcome and Roll Call	5
II. Village Attorney Process Explanation	10
III. Village Management Presentation	15
IV. District 87 Presentation	30
V. Our Field Our Town Presentation	30
VI. Village Board - questions for Village Management, District 87, Our Field Our Town	60
VII. Public Comment	60
VIII. Village Board - questions or requests for further information, adjourn	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>225</b>

<b>Meeting Two - Special Village Board Workshop - January 30, 2012 - 6:30 p.m.</b>	
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Minutes</b>
I. Welcome and Roll Call	5
II. Public Comment continued	85
TOTAL	90
<b>Meeting Three - Special Village Board Meeting - January 30, 2012 - 8p.m. (Non-consent agenda item)</b>	
Agenda Item Introduction – Village President Process Explanation and Legal Questions before the Board – Village Attorney Topic Presentation – Village Management Questions – Village Board Motion – Village Board Deliberation – Village Board Vote – Village Board	

**Q: Will public comment be allowed?**

A: Yes, the public will be allowed to comment, although the Village Board will not conduct another public hearing. Under state law, public hearings for zoning applications must be conducted by the Plan Commission, not the Village Board. In this case, the Plan Commission heard and considered testimony and evidence over 11 evenings.

Speaking times will be limited to facilitate as much participation as possible. A three minute per person time limit for individual comments will be strictly enforced. The Board will allow as many people to comment as possible, but cannot guarantee that everyone will have an opportunity to speak on this matter. To encourage a variety of comments to be heard within the time period set for public comment, the Board intends to alternate comments between individuals who are in favor of the proposal, opposed to the proposal, or are neutral or undecided.

Members of the public can comment by signing up to speak at a workshop meeting on January 23 or January 30. Sign up will start at 6:00 p.m. on both nights. Members of the public will be requested to identify whether they are for, against, or neutral/undecided when they sign up to speak on this matter.

**Q: What if I cannot appear at one of the Village Board Meetings?**

A: Please write your opinion in 500 words or less and e-mail them to [villageclerk@glenellyninfo.org](mailto:villageclerk@glenellyninfo.org), or you can mail them to:

Village Clerk  
 535 Duane Street  
 Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

All correspondence will be sent to the entire Village Board and Village Management.

**Q: Can I provide comment between the meetings?**

A: Yes, you may e-mail or send a letter following the directions above. Please provide all comments no later than noon on January 27 to ensure that the Village Board and Village Management receive your comments prior to the January 30 meeting.

**Q: Will the meetings be televised?**

A: Yes, the meetings will be televised on the following cable channels: Comcast channel 10, Wide Open West channel 6 and AT&T channel 99. The meetings will be shown live and replayed during the week.

**Q: Will the Village Board's decision be final?**

A: Yes.

**Q: What happens if the Village Board denies or approves the request?**

A: If the Village Board denies any of the variation requests, the School District would need to reapply and receive approval of the Village Board before proceeding with any construction.

If the Village Board approves the variation requests, the matter will go back to the School District 87 Board of Education who would then decide on how to proceed with the construction of the projects, selection of vendors, timing, etc.

**Q: Is there going to be a voter referendum on this issue?**

A: Yes, there will be a non-binding referendum question on the March 20 election ballot for those living in the corporate limits of Glen Ellyn.

**Q: What effect will the results of the referendum have on the variation requests?**

A: The Plan Commission and Village Board public hearing and variation request process, which will include at least 13 public meetings over the course of six months, will be complete before the vote takes place. This is due to the Village's statutory and constitutional obligations to process and complete variation requests in as timely a manner as possible.

The referendum is non-binding and does not include all those living in Glen Ellyn's planning jurisdiction or School District 87. If the variation requests are approved, the School District's Board of Education may choose to review the results of the referendum before proceeding with construction. If the variation requests are denied, the results of the referendum will not restart the Village's process.