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## Hermitage city athletic complex project moves forward

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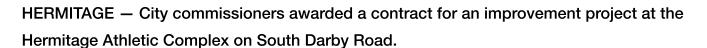












The commissioners voted unanimously to award a contract to GEM Building Contractors of Neshannock Township, Lawrence County, for \$184,508.

Also known as the Hermitage Athletic Complex Youth Sports and Maintenance Facility, the fields will undergo a project to add a 28,000 square-foot storage building, to store maintenance equipment both for city operations and the athletic fields. Sports programs that regularly use the athletic complex will also be able to store their equipment in the building.

GEM was the lowest of five bidders for the project. The other bidders were: G.H. Huri Construction, \$186,639; Hudson Construction, Inc., \$195,000; Declan Construction, Inc., \$209,000; and Fred L. Burns, Inc., \$245,000.

With the bid awarded by the commissioners, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Jeremy Coxe said he expects construction to start within the next few weeks and finish in no longer than a month.

"We're looking to get everything done before the winter," Coxe said.

A grant of \$150,000 from Pennsylvania's Commonwealth Finance Authority will cover most of the project cost, and the city will provide the remaining \$34,508 as a local match.

