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# Munster tackles issues with Centennial Village development

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MUNSTER | Architectural and logistical issues involving the Centennial Village multi-use development will need to be resolved before construction can start this summer.

Munster's Town Council, Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals held a joint study session last week at the Centennial Park clubhouse to discuss the issues, with an eye toward a quick resolution.

Developer Matthew Kimmel, of Schererville, plans a mixed-use "walkable lifestyle" mall at the southeast corner of Calumet Avenue and 45th Street. It will feature a variety of retail space, including a large anchor store, four-level condominium development with underground parking, and a hotel.

The hotel's architectural design is where things get a little sticky.

The building's neo-traditional architecture features brick, natural masonry and architectural cast stone materials. But the hotel, which is the first building planned to go up, is not of the same architectural style.

As town officials balked at the design, Kimmel's team will make changes to the hotel exterior to enhance architecture compatible with the rest of the development.

Another sticking point is the undetermined southern boundary of the property in proximity to Centennial Park. Town officials are yet to agree on where the boundary should be.

The development will encompass part of Centennial Park, as the soccer fields will be relocated to Westlake Park, where five new fields are to be built.

Centennial Village will emphasize pedestrian connections with the park's walkways. The Pensey Greenway Trail will be extended from the development's southern boundary and along the western shoreline of Clay Hole Lake. The trail extension will run south to the new 45th Street right

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ary issues are reconciled, work is expected to begin on the hotel, and  
ous configuration will follow.

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the 45th/Calumet grade separation project will extend 45th 900 feet east and intersect with the railroad tracks running parallel to 45th.

The road project will eventually create a two-bridge overpass for Canadian National freight trains and an underpass for cars to break the traffic gridlock common to Calumet and 45th.

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