

Huntley Village Board approves special use permit for senior living project

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The Huntley Village Board voted Thursday to approve a special-use permit for a 144-unit assisted living and memory care project along Farm Hill Drive.

Shepherd Premier Senior Living – which already has facilities open or in the works in Harvard, Crystal Lake, Ringwood, Bull Valley and parts of Lake County – bought about 7.2 acres on the east side of Farm Hill Drive and has another about 4.6 acres under contract.

The goal is to build nine single-story residence buildings and an administrative office building in two phases.

The first will consist of 96 units within six buildings and the administrative building while the second will consist of the other 48 units.

All proposed residence buildings are single-story structures containing 16 units. The main office for the facility also is a one-story structure designed similarly.

A conceptual review of the project was held during the village board's June 13 meeting. No issues were raised about the project's size, use or design.

The Huntley Plan Commission reviewed the request Oct. 14. Although several members of the public had questions about the plan, none were in opposition of the facilities.

Shepherd Premier co-owner Theresa Maskrey said the goal is to ensure seniors still have a feeling of comfort in one of her residences so they can regain their sense of community and being in a residential neighborhood.

Maskrey also said that Huntley was chosen as a target side because it is one of the fastest-growing communities in the state and has a large senior population.

Brandon Schwab, the Maskreys' business partner, said that after Huntley, Shepherd Premier hopes to expand to Barrington, Palatine and Schaumburg with the goal of having 30 homes open by 2022.

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