## Jennings Sports Park Going in at Evans Farms

**DELAWARE, Ohio (March 2, 2020)** – A 57-acre, \$20 million sports park is soon to be under construction at Evans Farms in Delaware County.

The Orange Township Trustees today approved the final zoning amendment, clearing the path for construction to begin on the Jennings Sports Park. The complex will occupy the western edge of Evans Farms and include 10 athletic fields.

Two fields will be exclusively for youth baseball. The other eight – four baseball fields and four soccer fields – are multi-use and can be converted for lacrosse, soccer, field hockey, and football.

A spokesman for Jennings Land Development said construction is scheduled to begin in June.

"This is the next big step in the community's continued investment in Evans Farms," said Delaware County Economic Development Director Bob Lamb. "The Delaware County Finance Authority has played a critical role in getting the project to the finish line. We continue to assist through a number of financing tools that will move the Jennings Sports Park to fruition. Completing the financing brings the developers closer to achieving their vision of a community that will be the premier live, work, and play development in central Ohio."

Ryan Rivers, chairman of the Orange Township Trustees, said not only does the sports park bring a valuable development component to Evans Farms, but it adds badly needed athletic fields to the township.

"We have more than 30,000 people living in Orange Township," Rivers said. "Our community is in dire need of additional fields to serve our many leagues and youth groups. Not only will this bring relief to our current demand, but it is a really impressive addition to the area in general, and Evans Farms in particular."

Tony Eyerman, a partner in the Evans Farm development, said, "There is little doubt that Jennings Sport Park will soon be one of the region's premier sports and recreation complexes. It will provide valuable ball diamonds and soccer fields for our Orange and Berlin township community, and for all age groups. This will only enhance the lives of those living in and around Evans Farms." The Delaware County Finance Authority (DCFA) is a political subdivision created by the Delaware County Commissioners to assist in economic development and job creation in Delaware County. The DCFA offers numerous incentive programs and has the ability to issue tax-exempt and taxable bonds for business, developer, non-profit and governmental projects. The DCFA works in partnership with traditional lending institutions and its public partners to provide the most advantageous financing for projects.