

**MINUTES OF  
SPRING GARDEN TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD  
May 19, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The monthly meeting of the Spring Garden Township Zoning Hearing Board was held on May 19, 2014 in the Township Municipal Building, 340 Tri Hill Rd., York, PA.

Present:

James McMillion  
Anthony Foster  
Dustin Quance  
Earl Quance

David Keiter, Solicitor  
Lynn Rinehart, Zoning Officer

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the April 21, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. D. Quance seconded by Mr. E. Quance.

**ZONING APPLICATIONS**

**APPLICATION 125-03-14 – York Hospital, 1001 South George Street, York, PA** has submitted an application for a Variance request from Section 310-27A fifty feet wide minimum setback from major thoroughfares and Section 310-8F height limitations. The property is located in the Apartment-Office (A-O) Zone.

The applicant was represented by Paul Minnich, Robert Heidlebaugh, and Christopher Dellinger.

York Hospital, a Level One Trauma Center, is proposing an expansion and improvements to the Emergency Department. That project necessitates relocation of the heliport which will be in the 50 feet from major thoroughfares setback and will also exceed height limitations. Existing building on the site also encroach on this setback.

Mr. Minnich noted that the hardship has not been created by the hospital. The slope of the lot restricts the possible location for the heliport and the lot is at the intersection of two major streets.

Mr. Foster wondered if helicopter landings might be a distraction for drivers on South George Street. Mr. Heidlebaugh noted that they will need to get final approval from the FAA which will also control flight paths for the helicopters. There will be no impact on the access road which will run underneath the heliport.

Lynn mentioned that at the Planning Commission it was noted that the structure is technically a “helistop” rather than a “heliport”. There will be no maintenance or fueling of helicopters at this site. Motion by Mr. Foster to approve the Variance request; seconded by Mr. Quance. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by, Lynn Rinehart, Zoning Officer