

The Richland Township Zoning Hearing Board met in the Richland Township meeting room, 322 Schoolhouse Road, Johnstown, PA 15904, on June 15, 2022, at 6:50 pm as per the request of Johnstown Cambria County Airport Authority (JCCAA) who is requesting a variance from providing landscaping and curbing for a proposed 2-unit hangar development within the airside portion of the Cambria County Airport. This hearing was conducted in the Richland Township meeting room, 322 Schoolhouse Road, Johnstown, PA 15904.

Present:

Pat Wess, Vice-chairman

Mark Rychak

PJ McGowan

David Strushensky

Eric Hochfeld, Solicitor

Tiffany Shomo, Secretary

Not Present:

Bill Patrick, Chairman

Rodney Kniss

Mr. Hochfeld began the hearing by listing exhibits. Board Exhibit #1 was the appeal application with attachments. Board Exhibit #2 was the Richland Township Zoning Ordinance, by reference, and Board Exhibit #3 was the posting of the municipal building, the property involved, advertising in the Tribune-Democrat and notification of this hearing to adjoining property owners.

Court Stenographer Lori Behe swore in Cory Cree, Airport Manager and Greg Schrock of TranSystems.

Attorney Tim Leventry, solicitor for the airport, explained the airport would like to construct a 2-unit hangar at Taxiway F. It would be 100% inside of the airport fencing and would have no public access. Around 13 hangars have been constructed without curbing or landscaping. Having curbing would risk accidents and create a safety issue when the aircrafts are taxiing.

Greg Schrock explained that runways stretch east to west near this site and 219 is on the east. Airport Road is traversing the entire Airport. Fox Run Road has 2 existing hangars, and this building would be located in between.

Board Exhibit 1: Site Plan of Site

Board Exhibit 2: Existing View (Blown-Up)

They would mill and overlay to FAA regulations. The parking lot would have 10 spaces and handicap accessible spaces.

Board Exhibit 3: Grading and Drainage Plan

Mr. Schrock explained there would be several inlets on site. The water would free flow to grass areas that lead into the infiltration system. The underground detention would be extended with perforated pipe.

The FAA limits landscaping due to it creating a hazard with wildlife approaching the runways. The building would not be visible from Airport Rd and the access gate will be on Fox Run Road. The safety, health and general well-being is a hardship that is not self-created.

Cory Cree explained the gate would only be accessed by hangar tenants, maintenance, administration, and employees who work at the hangars.

Mr. Cree explained the employees participate in wildlife hazard training yearly and have permits to shoot certain animals that interfere with day-to-day procedures.

Mr. McGowan motioned to grant the Johnstown Cambria County Airport Authority a variance on having to use curbing around the hangar and not to provide landscaping. Seconded by Mr. Rychak. All in favor.

At 7:12 pm, Mr. Rychak motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. McGowan. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

*T. Shomo*

Tiffany Shomo, Secretary