

Reading bumps up plans for Amity ambulatory center

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AMITY — Reading Hospital officials have put their 54,000-square-foot ambulatory center project at the top of their building project list, said township solicitor Brian F. Boland.

"They were extraordinarily pleased and excited with the reception of Amity Township," said Boland.

The project received final approval from the township on Dec. 17, five months after hospital officials submitted the plans.

Reading Hospital Vice President, Paul J. Toburen, told the board earlier this year that hospital officials had delayed starting the project due to unpredictable economic conditions. The one-year construction project was slated to begin this spring.

The center will include a women's health department, radiology, phlebotomy, a mini clinic, as well as physicians' offices on 14 acres at West Postal and Toll Gate roads.

Future phases may include an adjacent 60,000-square-foot outpatient care building and two physician office buildings on the north side of Toll Gate Road.

Phase two would begin after PennDOT has completed the \$9.4 million road construction project to align Toll Gate and Nicholson Roads at Old Swede Road. That project will include installation of a traffic light at the new intersection and a left turn lane from southbound Old Swede Road to Toll Gate Road.