

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
DISABLED PERSONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2009**

A meeting of the Disabled Persons Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, November 24, 2009. Chairman Huchler-Smith opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Those present:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Lisa Huchler-Smith, Chairman
David Rogers, Vice-Chairman
Megan Dorko, Secretary
Ann Piccinotti, member (absent)
George Crawford, member
Dennis "Digger" O'Brien, alternate

OTHERS:

Pete Stainthorpe, Supervisor Liaison (absent)
Charm Crawford

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2009 MINUTES

Mr. Rogers moved, Ms. Dorko seconded and the October 2009 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

PLAYGROUND

Due to being tied to the state, the grant money that was to be used to build a new, accessible playground will not be available. Plans to build the playground have been put on hold.

DPAB BUDGET

Ms. Huchler-Smith announced that she had recently e-mailed Terry Fedorchak regarding the Advisory Board's 2010 budget. The budget for 2010 will be \$1000.00.

TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

Ms. Huchler-Smith has composed a piece about the DPAB to be featured in the Township's Fall newsletter. The newsletter has since been printed and distributed with the DPAB piece included as planned.

EMC FORM

Ms. Huchler-Smith stated that, after sending a detailed e-mail to the Webmaster, the EMC forms are now located in the appropriate place on the Township website. Community members can now easily download the forms by clicking on the "forms" tab.

TOWNSHIP CABLE CHANNEL

Mr. O'Brien noted that he attended a meeting regarding the Township cable channel two weeks ago, and now has guidelines in which to help format the DPAB's planned presentation for the channel. Both Mr. O'Brien and Ms. Huchler-Smith made suggestions for graphics to be included in the presentation. The use of clip art, as well as actual photos of Lower Makefield Township community members and events were among the suggestions.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Ms. Huchler-Smith recently attended a meeting of the Economic Development Committee. At the meeting, Ms. Huchler-Smith gave a presentation to area business owners regarding the role businesses play in relation to the disabled community. Issues discussed in her presentation are outlined as follows:

- ADA regulations
- Tax credits for business owners who hire the disabled
- Making business establishments accessible for the disabled
- Examples of established businesses in the community that have been made accessible

Ms. Huchler-Smith noted that the presentation went well, and was fairly well received by its audience.

BUILDING PERMITS

There were no building permits for discussion.

Due to the busy holiday season, the meeting scheduled for December 22nd, 2009 has been cancelled.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Building.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dorko, Secretary