

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD  
DISABLED PERSONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009**

A meeting of the Disabled Persons Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, April 28, 2009. Chairman Huchler-Smith opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Those present:

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

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

**OTHERS:**

Pete Stainthorpe, Supervisor Liaison  
Charm Crawford

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 2009 MINUTES**

Mr. Rogers moved, Mr. O'Brien seconded and the March 2009 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**HISTORIC OPEN HOUSE**

Ms. Huchler-Smith asked Mrs. Mazzitelli if the Historical Commission planned to use her portable ramp at the Open House for accessibility to the Patterson Farm House. Mrs. Mazzitelli stated that someone must have forgotten to call Ms. Smith to ask her for the ramp but we should have it for the Open House. Ms. Huchler-Smith stated that she would drop off the ramp to Mrs. Mazzitelli.

**MEMORIAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

Mrs. Mazzitelli stated that she submitted a grant application to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) on behalf of the Township for improvements at Memorial Park that include in addition to other recreational improvements, two accessible and sustainable play areas. Mrs. Mazzitelli asked Mr. Rogers and Ms. Huchler-Smith if they would write a letter of support on behalf of the Disabled Persons Advisory Board for the grant and Ms. Huchler-Smith did. Mrs. Mazzitelli stated that she would give the Board an update on the project as it comes available.

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

Ms. Huchler-Smith said that she spoke with the seniors group about having the Disabled Board's questionnaire included in the senior's next monthly newsletter. Ms. Huchler-Smith will also include an article in the newsletter about the EMC form. Ms. Dorko and Ms. Huchler-Smith suggested modifying the questionnaire for the seniors regarding mobility and transportation issues. Ms. Piccinotti suggested adding questions that ask if people use Bucks County Transport (BCCT).

She told a recent story about her experience using BCCT to go to the mall last week. Her experience was positive for the most part. The Board made additional suggestions for the wording on the questionnaire.

Mr. Rogers said he recently met up with Vince Volpi at a golf outing and he told Mr. Rogers if he knows of any more problems with people making reservations at BBCT to please let him know.

## **NEWSLETTER**

Ms. Huchler-Smith stated she wrote an article for the Township newsletter stating the Disabled Board is working with the Lower Makefield Police Department and the EMC to update information for the emergency database. Any resident with a disability or condition that first responders can be made aware of and would assist in the evacuation or assistance at home.

Mr. Rogers stated the Center for Independent Learning (CIL) recently received a grant to expand existing Disabled Boards in the County. He said if this Disabled Board wanted to reach out further to the community to expand on the questionnaire the CIL could provide the funds through this grant.

Mr. O'Brien suggested using the grant money to create a regional Disabled Advisory Board website and link all municipalities to it to post and obtain information. The Board talked about how BCCID could initially fund the website and could ask them to pay to maintain it. Mr. Rogers said that he would bring this idea back to the CIL to look into further.

Ms. Huchler-Smith stated she would call Ms. Linney to ask what Park & Recreation is working on to discuss for the next meeting.

## **BUILDING PERMITS**

Mr. Rogers stated there are no new permits to report.

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Building.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dorko, Secretary