

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD  
DISABLED PERSONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2010**

A meeting of the Disabled Persons Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, January 26, 2010. 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  
George Crawford, member (absent)  
Dennis "Digger" O'Brien, alternate

**OTHERS:** Ron Smith, Supervisor Liaison  
Charm Crawford (absent)

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2009 MINUTES**

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

**TERM REAPPOINTMENTS**

Ms. Huchler-Smith said that she realized the majority of members' terms expired on 12/31/09. She noted that Ms. Piccinotti resigned but she and Mr. Rogers did not receive renewal letters from the Township. Mr. Smith said the Supervisors agreed to automatically renew Committee member's terms when they expire rather than re-interview members. Ms. Huchler-Smith asked Mr. O'Brien if he would like to become a regular member rather than an alternate. Mr. O'Brien said that he would think about becoming a member. Mr. Rogers and Ms. Huchler-Smith would send in their letters of reappointment to Ms. States as soon as possible.

**2010 REORGANIZATION**

Ms. Dorko moved to keep the same officers in 2010. Mr. Rogers seconded and the motion unanimously carried.

**HISTORY OF 2004-2009 DISABLED BOARD ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND 2010 GOALS**

Ms. Huchler-Smith said she compiled a list of Board's accomplishments since creation of the Board. She said she is disheartened that more people don't reach out to the Board on more issues. Mr. Rogers noted the list of accomplishments is very impressive.

The Board talked about goals for 2010:

- Update brochures - leave members names off.
- Emergency list - send out mailing at the end of the year to update resident status. Mr. Rogers asked how we find new people in the Township with special needs. Mr. Smith suggested adding information to the tax bill to direct people to the Township website to fill out the form.
- Handicapped parking – the tax office, pool striping and Memorial Park need to be addressed.
- Support countywide website – Mr. Rogers explained that the County is trying to create a countywide Disabled Board. Mr. Fedorchak signed up Mr. Rogers for a conference to talk about the countywide Disabled Board and Lower Makefield was the only municipality to respond. The conference was postponed due to lack of interest. Mr. Rogers suggested getting together with the municipalities that have active Disabled Boards to talk about supporting a countywide website and Board.
- Cable TV presentation – Ms. Huchler-Smith is looking to put together something that is informative and interesting to people. She thought of an experience she had at Target where a car parked in the handicapped space next to a van accessible space was blocking the striping area that allows access by the van and she had to help the person get into her van by backing the van out. She thought of giving this example and other examples to educate people better.
- Support a handicapped accessible playground - Ms. Huchler-Smith asked Mrs. Mazzitelli if she had any update on the grant for Memorial Park that would include an accessible playground. Mrs. Mazzitelli replied that the Township was denied the grant. Ms. Huchler-Smith asked if a handicapped accessible playground could be included in the Park & Recreation plan recently discussed at the Board of Supervisors meetings. Mr. Smith agreed that an accessible playground should be included in the plan. He asked if there is a need for a playground in the north end of the Township and Mrs. Mazzitelli and Ms. Huchler-Smith replied yes because there is a large volume of residential development with young children in that end of the Township and both able-bodied and special needs children could use the playground. Mr. Smith asked the Board to write him a memo on these things and he would start the process to make contact with the appropriate parties.
- Repair the bike paths across the street from Memorial Park.
- Community outreach – Ms. Huchler-Smith asked if there will be a Community Pride Day this year and Mr. Smith stated it is not in the budget but it may happen.
- Outreach to other Disabled Person’s Advisory Board’s – The Board would like to reach out to other Disabled Boards by hosting an event and attending their meetings to talk about their challenges and accomplishments. The Board and Mr. Smith talked about locations in the Township where violations frequently occur and accessibility issues exist such as people parking in the fire lane at McCaffrey’s and the Kohl’s Shopping Center parking lot.
- Review of Permits – Ms. Huchler-Smith stated some of the projects on the table in 2010 are Edgewood Crossing, Flower’s Field and Township Line Road projects.

Mr. Smith asked if there are any pressing issues in the Township. Mr. Rogers said we should focus on making sure Township properties are ADA compliant with proper handicapped signage, striping and the proper number of handicapped spots.

Mr. Smith asked if some of the Disabled Board members would attend one of the Supervisors meetings and make a presentation. Ms. Huchler-Smith stated they would be happy to make a presentation after meeting with some of the other municipalities and the Township Park & Recreation Board.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Building.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dorko, Secretary