

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
DISABILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, August 16, 2021**

A meeting of the Disability Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held via zoom on August 16, 2021. Chairperson Huchler opened the meeting at 6:03 pm.

Those present:

Lisa Huchler, Chairperson

David Mann, Vice Chairperson

Trish O'Donnell, Secretary

David Rogers, Member

Lynne Catarro, Member

Dr. Fred Weiss, Supervisor Liaison

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 7, 2021 MINUTES

Mr. Rogers moved, Ms. Huchler seconded, and the June 7, 2021 minutes were unanimously approved.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Ms. Huchler noted that meetings for the remainder of the year will be conducted via Zoom. A decision regarding meeting dates and venue will be determined at the end of the year for 2022.

COMMUNITY DAY

LMT Community Day will be held this year on Saturday August 28, 2021. The DAB has always attended this event and will be attending this year. The new DAB brochure, information on handicapped parking and other useful material and information for Bucks County organizations that support disabled members of our community will be distributed.

Ms. Huchler will follow up with Ms. Tierney regarding a tent to provide shade.

Volunteer Schedule: Lisa Huchler and Dave Rogers 12:00 - 2:00, Trish O'Donnell 2:00 - 4:00, David Mann - TBD, Lynn Catarro - On vacation

DAB NEW BROCHURE

Ms. Lynne Catarro forwarded a copy of the new brochure with changes and additions. Important information regarding sign up for Smart 911 at smart911.com or by download the app on your mobile device was also added. She was able to include new graphics, update the former logo with our new name and updated all member information. She has asked the members to review one last time before it is finalized.

Mr. Rogers said the brochure turned out fantastic. Ms. O'Donnell : looks beautiful.

Ms. Catarro reported she is having some difficulty getting the print right and is still working on that issue. Mr. Rogers inquired if we are sending the brochure to a printer, who would be able to correct the print issue. Ms. Huchler will print the brochure on her work printer, preferring not to use a professional printer since much of the information changes on an annual basis. Ms. Catarro found a new graphic which includes more disability logos such as hearing, braille, sign language, a question mark, etc. Ms. Huchler mentioned the second page is more inclusive of our mission and includes current members and future goals. Ms. O'Donnell suggested a change in wording from “disabling condition” to “a condition in which you may need assistance”. Ms. Huchler will look at alternative wording.

Ms. Huchler asked Dr. Weiss who is responsible for updating the LMT web page. Ms. Huchler noted some errors on web page such as links not working, none of the minutes from 2021 are posted and the new brochure needs to be added to the township web page. Ms. Catarro will look into cleaning up web site, updating and removing links that are not working and forwarded these updates to the township web manager.

COMMUNITY CENTER DOOR UPDATE

Due to Covid there were many delays, however the doors are expected to be installed by the end of September.

LMT COLOR RUN FOR ACCESSIBILITY

This event was held on Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 8:00 AM at Macclesfield Park. Ms. Huchler and Mr. Rogers volunteered for this event.

Ms. Huchler noted the event was a huge success for both young and old - everyone was slammed with colors and asked for more color. Soft pretzels and wipes were provided at the end of the run. Ms. Huchler reported that Ms. Tierney is hoping to make this an annual event. Ms. Huchler also noted that Ms. Tierney informed her a portion of the money raised will be placed in a separate fund for future ADA transition plan projects. Approximately \$3,000 was raised.

Mr. Rogers reported participants varied in age and ability, from a young 6-7 year old with major physical challenges and some quasi-professional runners, all enjoyed the event and had a great time. All for the purpose of promoting accessibility. Ms. Tierney has been receiving much feedback and hopes to make this event bigger and better next year.

UPDATES ON BUILDING PLANS

Mr. Rogers stated nothing new to report.

Ms. Huchler stated she spoke with Mr. Majewski regarding handicapped parking striping at the Memorial Park new parking lot under construction and other areas around the township. Ms. Huchler suggested the handicapped parking be placed near the 1K walking trail within close proximity to the Basketball and sport courts. Mr. Majewski will take a look at that prior to striping. Ms. Huchler also asked if it would be cost effective to do additional handicapped striping as noted in the ADA transition plans. Mr. Majewski will look into the cost.

Dr. Weiss noted that new parking lot will not be completed for the 20 year anniversary of 9/11. It will have a stone surface for the 9/11 ceremony with paving occurring sometime after that.

Prickett Preserve

Mr. Majewski mentioned no new updates expected on Prickett Preserve until November.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Huchler thanked the township for all the complimentary pool passes to those who volunteer for the community.

Next meeting to be held Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rogers moved, Ms. Catarro seconded and the motion to adjourn unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trish O'Donnell
Secretary, Disability Advisory Board