

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
DISABILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2022**

A meeting of the Disability Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held via zoom on September 14, 2022. Chairperson Huchler opened the meeting at 6:03 pm.

Those present:

Lisa Huchler, Chairperson

Michele Williams, Vice Chairperson (absent)

Lynne Catarro, Secretary

Al Catarro, Member

Cynthia Lang, Member

Dr. Fred Weiss, Supervisor Liaison (absent)

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 13, 2022 MINUTES

Ms. Catarro moved, Dr. Catarro seconded, and the July 13, 2022 minutes were unanimously approved.

LMT PARKS AND RECREATION ACCREDITATION EARNED

Congratulations to Park and Recreation board especially Ms. Monica Tierney, Director of Parks and Recreation. LMT Parks and Recreation is first in Pennsylvania to receive the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) and the National Recreation and Part Association (NRPA). As part of the accreditation process, LMT had to demonstrate compliance with 154 recognized standards and document all policies and procedures. This was a huge undertaking and will open doors for grant money for park improvements and such. Ms. Tierney expressed that it was made possible by our involvement in the ADA Transition plan assistance provided.

LMT PROJECT UPDATES

Several Parks and Rec projects are in the preliminary planning stages as funding is being considered. These projects were included in the ADA Transition Plan completed last year. The Disability Advisory Board will review plans, work with Parks and Rec in any planning, suggestions and monitor progress as progress is made.

Some recent projects were discussed at Park and Rec meeting on September 13, 2022. These projects are in process and will be ongoing throughout 2023:

Path from Community Center to Pool will be ready to pour the hard surface. However, completion of the ADA cutouts will be delayed pending approval from the State.

Macclesfield Park Assessment will be done by an outside company to be approved by the Board of Supervisors. Not sure if this is just a traffic assessment or an overall review of the park structure.

Schuyler Tennis Courts entire surface will be completed. DAB has already given suggestions in the ADA Transition plan and will review as project progresses. We ask that all ADA Accessibility issues be part of the plan including a handicapped parking spot, parking sign, accessible path into tennis court area, accessible gate, and restrooms.

Veterans Square - Veterans forwarded their plans to Parks and Rec with an updated design: a stage and pavilion may be added. Once the conceptual plan is decided then an overall plan which will include some of the ADA Accessibility options can be finalized. Items to review will be access to the playground, water fountains, handicapped portable restroom, handicapped parking spots, parking signs, access from parking lot and bike path to the monument.

Memorial Park Secret Garden – Inclusive Playground replacement surface must be done every ten years. DAB will provide input to types of shade available including a shade sail. Ms. Huchler had forwarded to Ms. Tierney a shade structure that looks like a flower design sail in the center where a tree once stood.

LMT Pool is scheduled to have bathroom renovations. Most Engineer/Architects plans will be ADA compliant. The DAB will review the plans that have been submitted to ensure that there is nothing more that can be added with minimum impact to the budget.

OTHER TOWNSHIP PROJECTS

LMT Administration Building Plans – Lower Level
No updates

RECAP OF COMMUNITY EVENTS

5 K Anyway run/walk occurred on August 6, 2022. A portion of the funds raised will be allocated to the ADA Transition Plan. Ms. Williams and Ms. Huchler volunteered for this event.

Community Day occurred on August 27, 2022- Very well run and congratulations to Parks and Recreation for a fantastic event. Ms. Lang asked if there any promotional products we can give out that might have more people stopping by our table. Ms. Lang will try to come up with some ideas for the next community day.

LMT Parks and Rec is asking vendors to let them know if there are any comments or suggestions from vendors that attended. Ms. Huchler felt it was a little to spread out especially for people who may have physical limitations. People may not have walked down toward the tennis courts where the vendors were or far along the road where the food trucks were located. Suggested LMT community booths be placed together, separated out from the vendors to create an atmosphere of community involvement and also comradery amongst the various Boards and committees.

Side note: We do have an alternate DAB opening. Must be LMT resident. Please send your resume to Township Manager for review.

SENSORY KITS

Ms. Huchler sent an email to Fire Service Department, Tim Chamberlain asking if he has any suggestions for us regarding the Sensory Kits to be used when first responders encounter a child with special needs. We would like to partner with another community organization if there is a need.

WEBPAGE

Ms. Catarro organized the website information and changes by activity on a word document with a Table of Content type of summary. The DAB webpage is ready for publication on the LMT main page. Waiting for webmaster to connect to LMT main page.

Ms. Catarro said we can still consider putting a disclaimer or state for informational purposes only for the various links we will be referencing.

Monitor DAB@lmt.org email

We need to obtain a second verification Okta secure code. Should have resolved by next week.

BUILDING PLAN REVIEW

Prickett Preserve

Jim Majewski has sent over the apartment plans via email for the DAB to review. Ms. Huchler has asked the Board to review these and to note the number of Apartments that may be accessible with wide doorways, bathrooms with walk in showers, tubs, etc. In addition, the Board will review handicapped parking and outdoor accessibility.

Jim Majewski stated that the CVS plans will be coming over next week.

Giant Restriping – half is completed. Will be doing the other half this week. Ms. Huchler will plan on going there to take a look once completed.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MEETING SCHEDULE

Next meeting will be held in November. Date to be determined.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Catarro moved and Ms. Lang seconded to adjourn, approved unanimously by all board members.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne Catarro

Secretary, Disability Advisory Board