

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
DISABLED PERSONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2008**

A meeting of the Disabled Persons Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, May 27, 2008. 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, member (absent)

OTHERS:

Pete Stainthorpe, Supervisor Liaison
Charm Crawford

APPROVAL OF APRIL 2008 MINUTES

Mr. Rogers moved, Ms. Dorko seconded and the April 2008 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

LMT HISTORIC OPEN HOUSE

Mrs. Huchler-Smith asked Mrs. Mazzitelli how the LMT Historic Open House went on May 4th. Mrs. Mazzitelli stated the Open House went well and no accessibility issues were raised. She noted that golf carts were available to transport people between the houses at Patterson because of the distance. She also noted the Historical Commission is planning a visit by Santa at Patterson Farm in December. Mrs. Huchler-Smith noted that she has a portable ramp that could be used at Patterson Farm for Santa's visit. She noted if the ramp would be used on a regular basis at public events the Township should consider purchasing one.

EMC FORMS

Mrs. Huchler-Smith stated she brought the EMC forms to the other schools but not one form was returned. Mr. Rogers stated that people don't want to share information but the Board's effort is increasing awareness. He suggested trying to distribute the forms again in the fall.

Mrs. Huchler-Smith stated that Captain Roche changed the form to specialize it to the schools to identify school location and address of applicant so if forms are received from neighboring townships they can be passed on to the appropriate authorities.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Mrs. Huchler-Smith stated the questionnaire was approved by Mr. Fedorchak. She stated she is

concerned about privacy and using the addresses from the EMC forms to send out the questionnaire. Mr. Stainthorpe stated to violate privacy would be to use or disclose information that is private for the wrong reasons or gain something. He stated the Board is trying to help the community with the questionnaire and he does not see a problem with using the addresses. Mrs. Crawford suggested a letter should be sent with the questionnaire stating the Disabled Board is working with the Police Department and should tie the questionnaire in with the EMC form.

Mr. Rogers suggested adding “LMT Municipal Building” to the mailing address on the questionnaire and made changes to the change of addressee section. The Board agreed to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with the questionnaire.

Mrs. Crawford asked to revise the phrase “the extent of limitation of physical activity due to disability”. A contact information section was added to the questionnaire. Mrs. Huchler-Smith and Ms. Dorko would revise the questionnaire and when it is done would also post on the web-site.

UPDATE BOARD’S BROCHURE

Mrs. Huchler-Smith stated the brochure is now on the web-site and she will add the new members and goals for 2008 then she will print out copies for distribution.

MAGNETS

Mr. Rogers stated the TMA has magnets and they will let him know how many they have. He stated he would also call Bucks County Transport to see if they have magnets as well.

PLANS

Mr. Rogers stated that Floral Vale made the changes to the plans the Board requested. He stated the office project on Stony Hill Road rejected the Board’s requested changes of moving the handicap spaces closer to the building. The Board discussed if they should pursue moving the handicap spaces closer to the building even though it would mean crossing a traffic lane and the Board agreed not to pursue.

The Board agreed not to meet in June 2008. The next meeting would be Tuesday, July 22nd at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Mazzitelli noted she would not be at the July meeting and Ms. Dorko would take notes in her absence.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dorko, Secretary