

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
DISABLED PERSONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2014**

A meeting of the Disabled Persons Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on Wednesday, June 4, 2014. Chairperson Huchler-Smith opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Those present:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Lisa Huchler-Smith, Chairperson
Lynn Carter, Vice-Chairperson (absent)
Megan Dorko, Secretary
Trish O'Donnell, member (absent)
David Rogers, member
Dan McLaughlin, Supervisor Liaison (attending
Supervisor's Meeting)

OTHERS:

Barbara Williams

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2014 MINUTES

Ms. Dorko moved, Mr. Rogers seconded and the April 2014 minutes were unanimously approved.

INTERVIEWS FOR DPAB CANDIDATES

Interviews for the open position on the DPAB are not being given at this time. Ms. Williams will continue to attend meetings, and to participate as she has been doing.

CITIZEN REQUEST/CURB CUT

A disabled citizen has requested a curb cut repair in Yardley Hunt. The curb cut in front of the resident's driveway is deteriorating, making mobility difficult. After consulting with the township, it was determined that it is not the township's responsibility to repair the curb cut. The resident must hire an independent contractor to deal with the issue.

PARKING LOTS

Ms. Huchler-Smith and Mr. Rogers met with Jim Walls on May 8th, 2014. The plans for the new parking lot have the DPAB's final approval, but are still awaiting the final approval of the township.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FORM

There are no new updates at present, but the DPAB will continue to work with the LMT police department to revise the new emergency management form. Dave Rogers thought he came across a

standard form on the internet and we wanted to investigate this further before submitting any changes.

PLAYGROUND

The DPAB continues with its plans for the inclusive playground, and construction on the playground is due to start this week. However, there are still several questions regarding the design of the restrooms. Issues that need to be addressed include the accessibility of the restrooms, as well as how many stalls will be available and times that the bathrooms are opened.

UPDATE: Donna Liney from Parks and Recreation emailed some information after our meeting which is included as follows: Restrooms are not locked, open all the time. Both unisex restrooms are wheelchair accessible. One stall and one urinal are in each restroom. We would order handicapped accessible port-a-potties if there is a need.

In addition, a citizen recently inquired about the playground via the Lower Makefield Township Facebook page. Ms. Huchler-Smith has responded with all pertinent information, and has volunteered her contact information should any more questions from the public arise. A flyer for the playground will soon be posted on the LMT Facebook page, as well as the LMT web site. The DPAB is also exploring options with local print media, and may send the flyer to be featured in the Yardley Voice, etc.

BUILDING PLAN UPDATES

Mr. Rogers informed the group that the site plans for the new Shop Rite at Oxford Oaks appear to be acceptable. The building itself has been mostly left as is, which means the bathrooms are accessible, the aisles are spacious, and both visible and audible fire alarms are in place.

There are no other building plans for review at this time, but Mr. Rogers took a few moments to explain to the members present how to properly examine site plans for issues such as accessibility, handicapped parking, etc.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. The July 2nd meeting is cancelled. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dorko, Secretary