

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
DISABLED PERSONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2016**

A meeting of the Disabled Persons Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on August 3, 2016. Chairperson Huchler-Smith opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Those present:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Lisa Huchler-Smith, Chairperson
David Rogers, Vice-Chairperson
Megan Dorko, Secretary
Trish O'Donnell, member
Barbara Williams, member (absent)
Jeff Benedetto, Supervisor Liaison (absent)

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 2016 MINUTES

Ms. O'Donnell moved, Mr. Rogers seconded, and the June 2016 minutes were unanimously approved.

POOL PASSES

Ms. Huchler-Smith took a brief moment to thank Lower Makefield Township for the complimentary pool passes.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

A candidate for alternate member of the DPAB is being considered and will be interviewed by the Township this month.

VETERANS MEMORIAL/FARMERS MARKET

Ms. Huchler-Smith has emailed Donna Liney of the Parks and Recreation department concerning the accessibility of the Veterans Memorial. The Parks board response was to state that there is a plan dating back to 1997 that has a proposed bike path along the Woodside church side and the original plans for the Veterans Park had a pathway on their side of the road. Ms. Huchler-Smith will email Terry Fedorchak regarding the accessibility problem in hopes of coming up with a solution in the immediate future since the Veterans Park is used for the LMT Farmers market and many Veterans functions.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Ms. Huchler-Smith attended the latest meeting of Emergency Management. A discussion was held regarding PA Ready Notify. Because the response from the community is still not what it should be, the DPAB is considering creating a brochure to better inform the public about the system. It is hoped that the brochure will motivate more citizens to sign up.

HELPING HANDS/SNOW ANGELS

Ms. Huchler-Smith has contacted the person in charge of the Snow Angels organization in Newtown Township, and was able to learn some important details regarding the structure of the organization. This information will be useful in structuring and operating Lower Makefield Township's own snow removal program.

Volunteers for Snow Angels are pulled from the Homeowners Association, and from the Boy Scouts and Athletic Organizations in Newtown Township. Because the program is volunteer-based, volunteers have a full 24 hours to respond to snow removal requests from residents. Volunteers sign a waiver, releasing the Township from any liability for personal injury, etc.

Chief Coluzzi has appointed Officer Pontarelli of the LMT Police Department, as well as his secretary to head up the new organization.

GOLF COURSE HANDICAPPED PARKING IMPROVEMENTS

There are currently no new updates.

SURVEY FOR SENIORS AND VETERANS

The DPAB has reviewed and revised two surveys that had been previously developed to help determine the needs of disabled citizens in Lower Makefield Township. Important aspects of those two surveys are to be combined into a new survey that will be sent out to LMT seniors via the senior newsletter in September.

COMMUNITY DAY

Lower Makefield Township Community Day is scheduled for September 4, 2016. The DPAB is currently still unsure of its attendance, but will let Donna Liney know by August 20th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The Board will meet again on September 7, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dorko, Secretary