

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
DISABLED PERSONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2012**

A meeting of the Disabled Persons Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on Wednesday, April 4th, 2012. Chairperson Huchler-Smith opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Those present:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Lisa Huchler-Smith, Chairperson
David Rogers, member
George Crawford, member
Trish O'Donnell, Vice-Chairperson
Lynn Buie-Carter, Alternate
Megan Dorko, Secretary (absent)

OTHERS:

Daniel McLaughlin, Supervisor Liaison (attending
Supervisor's meeting)
Charm Crawford

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2012 MINUTES

Mr. Crawford moved, Mr. Rogers seconded and the March 2012 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

BOARD UPDATE

Lisa Huchler-Smith – Chairperson
Trish O'Donnell – Vice-Chairperson
Megan Dorko – Secretary
George Crawford – Member
Dave Rogers – Member
Lynn Buie – Member
Dan McLaughlin – Supervisor Liaison

BROCHURE UPDATE

The following changes were discussed. Miss Dorko will update the brochure accordingly:

What We've Done

- Installation of an audible traffic signal on Big Oak Rd.
- Proper use and placement of handicapped parking signs throughout the township
- Installation of accessible doors in the Township building and library

- Review of construction and renovation plans for commercial properties, and ongoing communication with all commercial property owners regarding the ADA.
- Acquired Accessible Playground Funding
- Initiated Community Access Award
- Updated Emergency Services Database
- Added Pool Lift

Our Future Goals

- Continue to support County wide safe, accessible, on-call transportation for the disabled community.
- Increase community networking at local events.
- Ongoing monitoring of all building plans and permits for commercial properties to ensure accessibility.

COMMUNITY ACCESS AWARD

No submissions.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Playground – Dirt pile has been removed. Township Engineer is going out to measure and determine square footage. Donna plans on meeting with six different playground manufacturers. The equipment is not going out to bid because the vendors are already state approved.

SENIOR MEETING

Update from Dave Rogers: Dave attended Meet and Greet meeting. Highlighted the following:

- Community Access Award
- Registration with the Emergency Database
- What the DPAB does for the community

DISABLED CITIZEN REQUEST

Lisa wrote a response suggesting she contact the Center for Independent Living in Bucks County. Her mail issues and bill paying are outside the scope of DPAB. Since she lives in a private community we have no jurisdiction. Lisa to send letter to Terry Fedorchak for review before sending.

PROJECTS/BUILDING PLANS

No new projects or plans.

SENIOR COMMITTEE

Ad Hoc committee was dismissed. Their job is done, which was to recommend a site for the Community Center.

WEBSITE CHANGES

Discussion of changes suggested to web site: Move minutes to folders; update board titles.

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

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trish O'Donnell, Vice-Chairperson