

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD  
DISABLED PERSONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2012**

A meeting of the Disabled Persons Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on Wednesday, September 5th, 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 (absent)  
Trish O'Donnell, Vice-Chairperson (absent)  
Lynn Carter, Alternate  
Megan Dorko, Secretary  
Dan McLaughlin (attending Supervisor's meeting)

**OTHERS:**

Barbara Williams (absent)  
Charm Crawford

**APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 2012 MINUTES**

Mr. Rogers moved, Ms. Carter seconded and the August 2012 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**DISABLED CITIZEN REQUEST**

An LMT resident recently contacted the Board regarding her granddaughter's upcoming move to Lower Makefield Township. Since her granddaughter is disabled, the resident has requested information regarding any grants that may be available to help with renovations in the new home. The DPAB has referred the resident to the Center for Independent Living, who is better equipped at handling such inquiries. The resident has since responded, and will be pursuing options outside of Lower Makefield Township to help meet her granddaughter's needs.

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

Ms. Huchler-Smith and Ms. O'Donnell have met with architect Judy Goldstein and her assistant to discuss plans for the forthcoming inclusive playground. Copies of the plans have been reviewed by the DPAB, and, overall, the Board is very pleased with the plans. The DPAB has some safety/structural inquiries for the planners, and would also like to include more equipment for older children, as well as for children with sensory issues. The next steps in planning the playground will be to present the plans to Parks and Recreation, and to attend the supervisors meeting in support of the project.

## **KOHL'S SHOPPING CENTER**

Ms. Huchler-Smith has contacted and spoken with the parking lot manager, Mr. Walls, about the discrepancies in relation to handicapped parking and curb cuts at the Oxford Oaks shopping center. Both Ms. Huchler-Smith and Mr. Rogers plan to visit the site in order to more clearly define the issues that exist with the parking lot. They will then e-mail their findings and suggestions to Mr. Walls before they meet with him formally.

## **MEETING DAY**

Due to conflicting schedules, Ms. Huchler-Smith has opted to cancel the DPAB meetings for October and December. The next meeting will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup>, and the DPAB will start the New Year with a meeting on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. In the meantime, the DPAB will keep in contact with each other through e-mail should any updates or issues need to be addressed.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 7th, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dorko, Secretary