

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
DISABILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018**

A meeting of the Disability Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Community Center on April 4, 2018. Chairperson Huchler-Smith opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Those present:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Lisa Huchler-Smith, Chairperson
David Mann, Vice-Chairperson
Megan Dorko, Secretary
Trish O'Donnell, member
Barbara Williams, member
David Rogers, member
Justin Van Dyke, alternate (absent)
Kristin Tyler, Supervisor Liaison
(attending BOS meeting)

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 2018 MINUTES

Mr. Rogers moved, Mr. Mann seconded, and the February 2018 minutes were unanimously approved.

WELCOME CUB SCOUTS

The Lower Makefield Cub Scout group was in attendance for this meeting. The Scouts are earning their "Aware and Care" badges, and are required to participate in an activity with an organization whose members are disabled. Welcome, Scouts!

ROLL AND STROLL 2018

The flier for the 2018 Roll and Stroll event has been updated with new information and is ready for distribution. Ms. Williams has already contacted vendors previously in attendance regarding their participation. The Pegasus Riders will be attending the event this year, and Ms. Williams will also be contacting the CIL (Center for Independent Living).

BUILDING PLANS

The doors to the entrance of the new Community Center are still being discussed, as they are currently too heavy and difficult to use for some seniors.

Accessible hardware in the Township building is also in need of an upgrade, as some of the equipment (i.e. doorknobs), can be difficult for those with disabilities to use.

The Veteran's Memorial pathway is still in need of a proper cutout.

CUB SCOUT BADGE

Because the Cub Scouts are earning their “Aware and Care” badges, the meeting was opened up for a question and answer session. The Scouts were given handouts featuring guidelines on how to properly interact with people with a range of disabilities (such as visual and hearing impairments, wheelchair users, etc.). The Scouts also received a current copy of the DAB brochure.

Mr. Rogers gave some history regarding the origins of the Board, and highlighted some of the Board’s early achievements. Each member of the Board was able to relate a personal story about how they came to be involved with the DAB, and Mr. Rogers reviewed how the DAB goes about getting involved with new building projects in the community.

2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

The DAB meeting schedule for the remainder of 2018 is as follows:

Meetings: June 6, August 1, September 5, and November 7.

NO Meetings: May 2, July 4, and December 5.

The DAB is also considering moving its meeting day to the second Wednesday of each month. This will allow DAB members to attend the Board of Supervisors meetings more easily should any pertinent issues arise.

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

The May 2, 2018 meeting has been cancelled. The Board will meet again on June 6, 2018 in the Community Center classroom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dorko, Secretary