

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
DISABILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018**

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

Those present:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Lisa Huchler-Smith, Chairperson
David Mann, Vice-Chairperson (absent)
Megan Dorko, Secretary (absent)
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 JANUARY 2018 MINUTES

Ms. Williams moved, Mr. Rogers seconded, and the January 3, 2018 minutes were unanimously approved.

BROCHURE

Ms. Dorko has updated the brochure with our new name and information. The board made some suggestions/changes and the brochure will be revised accordingly.

GUEST SPEAKER INFO

Information from Ms. Bethany Heleniak, MSW Community Liaison for LIFE St. Mary's, was given to the president of the Senior Group. They may consider Ms. Heleniak as a guest speaker at a future meeting.

NEW MEETING LOCATION

The DAB received approval to hold the monthly meetings at the new Community Center building. The Township wants to keep all Board and committee meetings at the township building, but will make an exception due to the accessibility issues we encounter using the downstairs conference room. This will need to be legally advertised in public (newspaper) and will be taken care of by the township manager before the next meeting.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL

A short recess was taken at 8:00 pm, to allow Chairperson Huchler-Smith to attend the BOS meeting to discuss the changes to our mission statement and name.

Mission Statement: “The mission of the Lower Makefield Township Disability Advisory Board is to educate and advise the Township and broader community about issues affecting people with disabilities; promoting inclusion, safety and equal access for everyone.”

Name: Disability Advisory Board

The BOS unanimously approved and legal counsel will prepare the resolution necessary.

The DAB meeting resumed at 8:15 pm.

UPDATES NEEDED DUE TO NAME CHANGE

Chairperson Huchler-Smith will notify the township of the changes needed to the website.

Also, the new email address will be DAB@lmt.org. The old email address will be kept active and will be forwarded to the new email address.

YARDLEY VOICE

It was noted that the Yardley Voice listed the Board in their article highlighting all not-for-profits in the area.

CUB SCOUT BADGE AND ATTENDANCE AT FUTURE MEETING

Den leader Brendan Bligh would like to set up an event for the cub scouts to obtain their “Aware and Care” badge. The scouts will attend the April 4, 2018 meeting so they can meet the requirement of participating in an activity with an organization whose members are disabled.

The Board will also conduct a question and answer period, give information on how to live with a disability, and supply handouts on various ways to interact with people of various disabilities.

GOALS FOR 2018

- Roll and Stroll 9/29/18 at Memorial Park.
- Relay our support for potential accessible path/sensory trail at new baseball/community center area.
- Follow up
 - Parking signs at Golf course
 - Parking signs at township properties
 - Accessible cutout at Veterans park
 - Pretty Bird Cafe
 - 401 Floral Vale ramp slopes
 - Township Building accessibility issues-door handles
- Church communication regarding accessibility.
- Keep on top of current building plans.
- Continue process on how to review building plans/training on construction plan review.
- Cub Scout Badge
- Look for Eagle Scout project that may be available to be completed.

BUILDING PLANS

No new plans at this time.

Meeting minutes were completed by Ms. Huchler-Smith (secretary Megan Dorko was absent) but will be formally submitted by Ms. Dorko once reviewed by all.

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

The March 7, 2018 meeting has been cancelled. The Board will meet again on April 4, 2018 in the Community Center classroom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dorko, Secretary