

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
DISABILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, January 14, 2021**

A meeting of the Disability Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held via zoom on January 14, 2021. Chairperson Mann opened the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Those present:

Lisa Huchler, Chairperson

David Mann, Vice Chairperson

Trish O'Donnell, Secretary

David Rogers, Member

Lynne Catarro, Member

Dr. Fred Weiss, Supervisor Liaison (absent)

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2020 MINUTES

Ms. O'Donnell moved, Mr. Rogers seconded, and the November 19, 2020 minutes were unanimously approved.

REORGANIZATION

The reorganization of Board members for 2021 was voted on and motion made by Mr. Rogers and seconded by Ms. Catarro. Approved unanimously by all board members:

Lisa Huchler, Chairperson

David Mann, Vice Chairperson

Patricia O'Donnell, Secretary

New Liaison, Dr. Fred Weiss assigned at BOS reorganization meeting.

Welcome new member, Lynne Catarro.

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

Mr. Mann wanted to remind members of the LMT Community there are many helpful support resources available to people with disabilities when you sign up for Smart911. It is easy to sign up and input as much information as you want to determine the notifications you would like to receive. Smart911 is there so first responders will be aware of important information to help when you call 9-1-1. You can sign up at smart911.com or download the app on your mobile device.

LMT Police and Emergency Management also has a form that can be completed and returned directly to the Police Department. The Emergency Management Special Needs Application Form can be found on the LMT website, www.lmt.org, under forms in the Police/Emergency Management Tab. Or you can call the police administration number at 215-493-4055.

EFFECTS OF PANDEMIC ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Mr. Mann wanted to extend his continued concern about the impact the pandemic has had on people living with a disability. Mr. Mann stressed the importance of being vigilant. Mr. Mann also noted that people with disabilities are having a difficult time getting the vaccine in the first few phases of the vaccine distribution plan.

Mr. Rogers noted that Pennsylvania is running way behind in its distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Ms. Huchler informed the committee that PA has a website with useful information regarding the vaccine distribution. This can be found at the PA Department of Health website:

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Vaccine.aspx>

UPDATES ON BUILDING PLANS

Mr. Rogers stated no new plans were reviewed.

PARKS AND RECREATION SITE REVIEWS

As part of the Parks and Rec accreditation application process, the DAB will assist with the creation of an ADA Transition plan. This would be a comprehensive plan to address the issues such as accessibility of all recreational spaces in LMT and identify barriers that may exist for people with disabilities. Ms. Tierney provided a list of all facilities and each DAB member will be assigned to make recommendations that can be presented to the Parks and Rec Department for the ADA Transition part of the accreditation process. We will focus on the removal of structural barriers to provide access to programs and services offered to the public.

Mr. Mann shared our spreadsheets with the Parks and Recreation committee of all the properties reviewed and will request our committee be included in any decisions regarding accessibility.

NEW BUSINESS

The Disability Advisory Board attended the Parks and Rec Board special meeting via zoom on November 19, 2020 to discuss the proposed enhancements to the LMT Pool. The feasibility study began prior to COVID restrictions and may not be acted upon for some time however, review of the plan is moving forward.

Ms. Huchler moved, Mr. Rogers seconded, and the comments made in the November 19, 2020 Parks and Recreation meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Ms. Huchler asked the members to bring any goals for 2021 to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rogers moved, Ms. Catarro seconded and the motion to adjourn unanimously approved.

Next meeting to be held in March. Exact date, time and place to be determined.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trisch O'Donnell
Secretary, Disability Advisory Board