

From: [Monica Tierney](#)
To: [Lynn Todd](#)
Subject: FW: EXTERNALDisability Advisory Board meeting Notes
Date: Monday, April 24, 2023 10:32:24 AM

From: lhuchler@aol.com <lhuchler@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2022 4:25 PM
To: Jim Majewski <jimm@lmt.org>; Monica Tierney <monicat@lmt.org>
Subject: EXTERNALDisability Advisory Board meeting Notes

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Monica and Jim -

here are the Disability Advisory board meeting minute notes on the upcoming projects - since I mentioned both of you in them I thought I would copy you

Thanks

Lisa

ADA ACCESSIBILTY PLAN UPDATES

Several Parks and Rec projects have been discussed at the past few LMT BOS meetings. Most are still in the preliminary planning stages as funding is being considered. These projects were included in the ADA Transition Plan completed last year. Ms. Huchler met with Mr. Jim Majewski, Planning and Zoning and Monica Tierney, Director of Parks and Rec to go over some of the projects.

Veterans Square

Plans are not finalized and they may be adding to the area in the park as requested by the Veterans group. Once the conceptual plan is decided then an overall plan which will include some of the ADA Accessibility options can be finalized. Items to review will be access to the playground, water fountains, handicapped portable restroom, handicapped parking spots, parking signs, access from parking lot and bike path to the monument.

Memorial Park – Secret Garden

The inclusive playground is slated to have the surface redone and shade structures built. The current surface is deteriorating quickly possibly due to the original design pour process to create the different colors for the path and leaves. Ms. Tierney suggested we might look into doing one pour and then painting the surface to create a similar look. Also, included in the ADA Transition plan was to put shade structures at the park. Ms. Huchler had done some research on many types of structures and will pass along that information. Some of the shade structures were in the shape of a flower which would complement the garden theme. However, this type of structure is very expensive. Ms. Williams asked how donations worked if we did fundraising and people wanted to donate to that particular structure. Dr. Weiss stated that they can donate to the township and designate the funds to go to that project. Ms. Huchler said that it may be good to go look at other playgrounds that already have the “one pour” surface with paint and see their type of shade structures. Need to look into the type of maintenance required. Ms. Tierney also said that some of the equipment may need to be painted. Could we partner with

an Eagle scout or potentially Artists of Yardley.

Again, this project is still in the planning phase and will have more detail and plans to look at as more information is collected.

Disability Advisory Board – July 13,
2022

Page 2 of 4

Schuyler Tennis Courts

Will be doing work on the tennis courts. We ask that all ADA Accessibility issues be part of the plan including a handicapped parking spot, parking sign, accessible path into tennis court area, accessible gate, and restrooms.

OTHER TOWNSHIP PROJECTS

Ms. Huchler talked with Mr. Jim Majewski about other projects starting soon:

Paths

Paths will be added around the Community Center, ball fields and township pool area. The DAB is excited to have an accessible cross walk at the light on Edgewood and Oxford Valley Rd. This will be a safe way to cross the busy intersection connecting all of the rec spaces and buildings in that area. Our concern was the slope on the playground side of the road. Mr. Majewski said the plan includes lowering the bike path and it will have the appropriate slope ratio to accommodate all of the accessibility issues.

LMT Administration Building Plans – Lower Level

The LMT Administration building lower level will be undergoing a renovation to accommodate the Police Department. There will still be some storage for the township administration and the tax office will remain in its current location.

The DAB had already sent information regarding the door handles in the township building. The lever type of handle is ADA compliant and should be used throughout the building. Ms. Huchler is recommending that while they are making changes to the lower level that they replace all handles and make sure doorways are compliant.

The plans also have a renovation of the bathroom which we will review plans to ensure all ADA recommendations are adhered to. Since this bathroom is used by the tax office it may be necessary to supply a portable handicapped restroom during construction. The township building does not have an elevator and it may be easier for tax office staff/patrons to stay on one level.

Ms. Huchler also noticed that the tax office has a portable air conditioning unit. It was discussed at length during the BOS meeting how the township needs a new HVAC system but the money is not there to take on this large project. However, they did discuss while the construction is taking place on the lower level, they may look at the duct work and possibly make enhancements while the ceiling is open. Ms. Huchler suggested while they are doing that can the tax office duct work also be looked at. Maybe a simple solution to an existing problem.

Bike Paths

Ms. Huchler discussed bike paths with Ms. Tierney. She stated there are many paths that have gaps up to 8 inches wide along the Township Line Rd bike path system and is dangerous for handicapped users as well as strollers and bikes. Ms. Huchler wondered if the Prickett Preserve project included work on the bike paths since they would have to be used to get to that area. Ms. Tierney stated there are no plans included in the Prickett Preserve project for existing bike path repairs. However, a comprehensive study had been done and prioritized each bike path.

Ms. Huchler suggests that anyone noticing an unsafe Bike path to report it to Parks and Rec for review. Might be able to prioritize sooner.