

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
DISABILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 14, 2023**

A meeting of the Disability Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held via zoom on June 14, 2023. Chairperson Huchler opened the meeting at 6:01 pm.

Those present:

Lisa Huchler, Chairperson

Michele Williams, Vice Chairperson

Lynne Catarro, Secretary (absent)

Al Catarro, Member (absent)

Cynthia Lang, Member

John Lewis, Supervisor Liaison (absent)

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 12, 2023 MINUTES

Ms. Lang moved, Ms. Huchler seconded, and the April 12, 2023 minutes were approved unanimously.

OPEN POSITION

Ms. Huchler stated that there is an Alternate position open for the Disability Advisory Board (DAB). Please send a letter of interest with a current resume to township manager at admin@lmt.org. For further information, please email DAB@lmt.org or leave a message at the LMT main number at 267-274-1100. You can also reach out to any LMT Disability Advisory Board Member.

LMT Event for Volunteers

LMT Community Partnership Celebration – Friday, April 14, 2023. Ms. Huchler and Mr. Lewis attended. It was a good way to meet members on other committees and discuss what is going on in the township.

WEBSITE

The website has been successfully updated by the township. Thank you to Ms. Lynne Catarro for putting all of the information together. It is great to have all of the resources on one page and then the links will take you to a detailed page for specific topics. We will continue to monitor and make sure links stay active.

Email – No emails with the exception of the update from Bucks County Center for Independent Living (CIL) monthly newsletter.

MACCLESFIELD STUDY GROUP

No update. Next meeting is June 28, 2023. Ms. Huchler will be attending. An update will be given at the next DAB meeting.

SECRET GARDEN SIGN MISSING

The sign at the Inclusive Playground at Memorial Park “Secret Garden” is missing. When it was dedicated, it was important to the Disability Advisory Board that visitors were aware this was a special park that was inclusive to all. A playground for all abilities as the sign stated.

Ms. Huchler contacted Parks and Rec Director, Ms. Tierney to see what had happened to the sign. She was unaware that it was removed or missing.

Ms. Huchler will work with Ms. Tierney to have the sign replaced. Ms. Huchler has a picture of the old sign and will use that wording.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

All community events can be found under LMT Parks and Recreation webpage <https://www.lmt.org/> and Facebook page.

5 K Anyway run/walk will occur on Saturday, August 5, 2023. This is the third year for this event. A portion of the funds raised will be allocated to the ADA Transition Plan. Parks and Rec is asking the DAB members for volunteers.

Community Day will be held on Saturday, August 26, 2023. Weekend before Labor Day. The DAB always has a table and will provide information to our community about our committee. Asking committee members to volunteer to man our table from 12-5 pm

LMT PROJECT UPDATES

Several Parks and Rec projects were included in the ADA Transition Plan completed last year. The Disability Advisory Board (DAB) will review plans, work with Parks and Rec in any planning, suggestions and monitor as progress is made.

5 Mile Woods update

Lower Makefield Township is happy to announce a \$10,000 grant courtesy of PECO’s Green Region Open Space program. This grant will be used to create ADA accessibility at Five Mile Woods. The Park and Recreation Department is working with the 5-mile woods committee to come up with ideas. More info to follow.

Some other projects are in process and we will give updates throughout 2023:

Memorial Park/Secret Garden – DCNR Grant – Update: DID NOT receive grant. Will be on future BOS meeting agenda. Shade project will be discussed with Ms. Tierney since the estimates are coming in much higher. May need to come up with a smaller design.

Veterans Park – DCNR Grant Update: – DID NOT receive the grant. Will be on future BOS meeting agenda. Plans are being worked on.

OTHER TOWNSHIP PROJECTS/DISCUSSIONS

LMT Community Center

Ms. Tierney informed the DAB that they are experiencing parking issues for seniors, especially on the days there are scheduled bus trips. The handicapped parking, while within the ADA guidelines, is insufficient. In addition, the side door closest to some of the parking areas is not accessible.

The DAB will take a look at options. Adding a device on the side door may be an inexpensive option since it is only one door. Other solutions, could be to add handicapped parking by the side door and move the electric/green vehicle spots to a different location. Other solutions may be needed if it still has inadequate parking on the bus trip days. One possible solution may be for the bus to pick up at the Park and Ride or other location.

Will work with Ms. Tierney on this issue.

BUILDING PLAN REVIEW

Prickett Preserve

Construction continues to move along.

Ms. Williams will reach out to Mr. Jim Majewski for plans of some of the retail stores.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Lang brought up parking issues at 777 Township Line rd. She asked if there was a way to get additional handicapped parking spots. Ms. Huchler stated that there are sufficient number of spots according to the ADA guidelines. Patients should consider asking their doctors offices that there is a n issue. However, since this is a medical office complex more spots are probably needed. Ms. Huchler and Ms. Williams said they would take a look at the situation.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Next meeting will be held in August 9, 2023. 6:00 pm via zoom.

Meeting for July 2023 has been cancelled.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Lang moved and Ms. Williams seconded to adjourn, approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne Catarro

Secretary, Disability Advisory Board