

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
DISABILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2023**

A meeting of the Disability Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held via zoom on April 12, 2023. Chairperson Huchler opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Those present:

Lisa Huchler, Chairperson

Michele Williams, Vice Chairperson (absent)

Lynne Catarro, Secretary

Al Catarro, Member

Cynthia Lang, Member

John Lewis, Supervisor Liaison

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2023 MINUTES

Ms. Lang moved, Dr. Catarro seconded, and the February 8, 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. A good way to meet members on other committees and discuss what is going on in the township. Ms. Huchler and Mr. Lewis will attend.

WEBSITE

All information was sent to the township administrator a couple weeks ago. Ms. Huchler will follow up with Katie.

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

MACCLESFIELD STUDY GROUP

No update since 1/9/23

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.

Strolling for Service Dogs-April 22, 2023. Not sponsored by township but another group. Mr. Lewis stated the AlphaBravoK9.org program provides service dogs for Veterans. Probably will be a recurring event. Ms. Huchler believes this would be a good fit with our committee. Mr. Lewis will provide Ms. Huchler with contact information. There is a walk and the event is dog friendly. There will be fundraising opportunities for the agency. A lot of things puppy related. For more information, Puppy Raiser in Tracy Reupp email: Truepp@alphabravok9.org

LMT PROJECT UPDATES

Several Parks and Rec projects are in the preliminary planning stages as funding is being considered and been approved. These 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 suggestion – much discussion about the length of the boardwalk. Some supervisors suggested possibly increasing the width to 5 feet. A previous DAB member would like the boardwalk to go longer rather than wider if finances were an issue. Ms. Huchler forward an email to Ms. Tierney to remind her of the preference when work begins. More info will be coming on the progress of the grant soon.

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

Projects waiting for grants

Five Mile Woods – PECO Green Region Grant. Waiting to hear this week

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

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

Schuyler Tennis Courts - appear to be almost complete. The tennis courts are resurfaced and the parking lot is paved and has stripping. There appears to be a delay with lining and adding nets to the tennis

courts. Ms. Huchler will make sure to ask Mr. Tierney if a handicapped accessible portable restroom can be provided and when handicapped parking signs will be installed.

LMT Pool is scheduled to have bathroom renovations and looks like the Parks and Rec Department received approval for \$100,000. Monica Tierney stated the quotes received were very high. Will be looking at alternative options. She will send us more info when available.

OTHER TOWNSHIP PROJECTS

LMT Administration Building Plans

Work is nearing completion. Still working on lower-level bathroom changes. There were delays with receiving parts.

BUILDING PLAN REVIEW

Prickett Preserve

Construction is moving along.

Ms. Williams shared prior to the meeting that she has not heard back from the property manager about apartment leasing. Mr. Lewis said she should contact Bob Dwyer with LandTrust Properties. He will forward contact information for Mr. Dwyer.

Prickett Plan Review-plans have been submitted for permits for the shell building for restaurants/retail at Prickett Preserve. Jim Majewski will send the permits for the building fit out when they come in.

NEW BUSINESS

DAB member Lynne Catarro was looking into transportation for a family member. Due to some limitations with the service in Lower Makefield Township and certain restrictions she ended up making arrangements to have family and friends do the transporting. Bucks County Transport is always an option.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Next meeting will be held in June 14, 2023. 6:00 pm via zoom.

Meeting for May 2023 has been cancelled.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Catarro moved and Dr. Catarro seconded to adjourn, approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne Catarro

Secretary, Disability Advisory Board