

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
DISABILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2024**

A meeting of the Disability Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held via zoom on March 13, 2024. Chairperson Huchler the meeting at 6:08 pm.

Those present:

Lisa Huchler, Chairperson

Cynthia Lang, Vice Chairperson

Michele Williams, Secretary

Matt Ross, Supervisor Liaison- Absent

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 10, 2024 MINUTES

Ms. Huchler moved, Ms. Lang seconded, and the January 10, 2024 minutes were approved unanimously.

OPEN POSITIONS

Ms. Huchler stated that there are currently 2 open member positions and 1 alternate position 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.

Bucks County CIL Center of Independent Living

Lisa Huchler confirmed CIL – see website at www.buckscil.org is moving to new location in Bensalem on May 1, 2024.

Michele Williams confirmed and suggested putting info on LMT website.

FUTURE LMT COMMUNITY EVENTS

Lisa Huchler advised of event Strolling for Service Dogs 4/20/24 11-3:00 pm. She reached to the contact on Facebook to see if we might want to have a table there. Might be too late for this year and we should probably attend to support their event and look to see if it is something we might want to do in the future.

It was also discussed to raise awareness on DAB through Senior center, LMT events and local representative partnerships.

HOUSE BILL 1761 – ELEVATOR REQUIREMENTS

Lisa Huchler reached out to Rep Munroe's office. They suggested we send letter to the Chairman of the Committee Rep Mike Sturla. Will do that this month and copy Rep Perry Warren's office.

Link to the House Bill 1761 <https://legiscan.com/PA/text/HB1761/2023>

LMT PROJECT UPDATES

Several Parks and Rec projects were included in the ADA Transition Plan completed in 2022. The Disability Advisory Board (DAB) will review plans, work with Parks and Rec in any planning, suggestions and monitor as progress is made.

Parks and Rec Projects and other projects to follow up in 2024

5 Mile Woods - Volunteers helped with the Five Mile Woods ADA Accessible path (710 linear feet of composite wood path to provide accessibility nature) on March 9, 2024. The parking is complete, and the path from the parking to the entrance pad is in motion. Still need to fix the small lip to the bathroom which will be the only barrier.

Memorial/Secret Garden - Parks and Rec has reached out for quotes on shade structure and surfacing at Memorial Park and are considering using this new to us product called SofSurface which is a tile system. It has a longer shelf life and can be replaced one tile at a time when needed. It is their understanding that this is all NYC uses in their parks. The Manufacturer can install and provide us with product, which will give us a much more extended warrantee. They can also provide us with designs, not what we currently have but it still looks quite nice. The price is comparable with poured-in-place, must add curbing to keep the tile in place. Michele Williams likes the design, Lisa Huchler expressed longevity due to weather resistance of materials. Will contact Monica Tierney so we can go look at a sample. Monica can reach out to other townships that have used this surface to see how it holds up to the outside elements.

Veterans Park -still in design stage

Macclesfield Open House - Park & Recreation Department and the Macclesfield Park Steering Committee will host a Macclesfield Park Open House on March 26, 2024 - 6:30-8:30 pm.

Pool Bathrooms – no update and budget proposals.

Community Center handicapped door and parking issues update. Seniors expressed need to have for community center.

Parks and Rec programming- reviewing the ADA transition plan; intend to focus on programming and how we can work with better accessibility.

Heacock Tot Lot- This is a small project, but it will have an accessible ramp and features like buddy swings, hideouts, and a small sensory area. It should be open for play but still needs to be finished by the end of this week and designed for toddlers 1-5. The DAB is happy to hear update for tot lots with accessible ramps and features.

BUILDING PLAN REVIEW

Prickett Preserve – committee discussed updates and plans prior to Wegman opening 3/20/24, in addition to parking and accessibility crossing to Shady Brook during events. Possible concerns with light crossing and Stony Hill Road.

Will continue to review plans as they come in for other retail establishments at Prickett Preserve.

NEW BUSINESS - None

MEETING SCHEDULE

Next meeting will be held in April 10, 2024. 6:00 pm via zoom.

Meeting for May 2024 has been cancelled.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Williams
Secretary, Disability Advisory Board