

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
DISABLED PERSONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2007**

A meeting of the Disabled Persons Advisory Board (DPAB) of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, October 23, 2007. Chairman Huchler-Smith opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Those present:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Lisa Huchler-Smith, Chairman
David Rogers, Vice-Chairman
Megan Dorko, Secretary
Ann Piccinotti, member (absent)

OTHERS:

Pete Stainthorpe, Supervisor Liaison

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2007 MINUTES

Mr. Rogers moved and Ms. Dorko seconded and the August 2007 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

ARTICLE IN THE BUCKS COUNTY COURIER TIMES

Mrs. Huchler-Smith stated the Board and Township received positive press in the Bucks County Courier Times about the request for changes to the Township Building to make it more accessible.

OPEN DISABLED PERSONS ADVISORY BOARD POSITION

Mrs. Huchler-Smith stated the Disabled Board position is still open. She stated a resident applied for the Disabled Board months ago but was appointed to the Park and Recreation Board. Mrs. Huchler-Smith stated that gentleman would be a good fit for the Disabled Board because she recalls he works with Disabled people.

ARTICLE FOR THE LMT NEWSLETTER

Mrs. Huchler-Smith stated she will e-mail the Disabled Board's newsletter article to the newsletter coordinator by November. She believes the newsletter should be sent out by the end of the year.

Mr. Rogers suggested putting information about the open Disabled Board position and the Emergency forms in the newsletter article.

NEW PERMITS

Mr. Rogers stated there are no new permits to report. However, he has been approached by many people about handicap parking at the Garden o Reflection. Mr. Rogers stated he would contact Ms. Frick about looking at the site plans for parking at the memorial and noted the handicap parking as it is today needs to be moved closer to the memorial. He also stated there is no handicap parking signage.

COMMUNITY DAY

Mrs. Huchler-Smith stated the handicap drop-off location worked very well at Community Day this year and she will request a tent for next year to shade the Disabled Board's table.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Huchler-Smith stated the Board members and Mrs. Mazzitelli will continue to update the Emergency Management master list Mr. Rogers is keeping and deliver the completed forms to the Police Department.

HANDICAP PARKING

Mr. Rogers stated that he did not have an update for the tax office but the Township Pool is missing signs and the stripes across the traffic lane have not been completed yet.

5-MILE WOODS

Mr. Rogers stated he looked into making 5-Mile Woods more accessible according to ADA requirements and accessibility is up to the Nature Preserve's discretion. The Board discussed making part of the Nature Preserve more accessible and agreed to talk with Mr. Heilferty and the Park & Rec. Board to and discuss accessibility options and seek grant money to pay for improvements.

SEPTEMBER 5, 2007 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Mrs. Huchler-Smith stated the modifications for better accessibility to the Township Building were approved by the Board of Supervisors and the Township is going out to bid. She will follow-up with Mr. Fedorchak to find out when the construction will begin.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Dorko stated she received a request from a resident asking for a blind child sign on Yardley-Morrisville Road. She asked who should be contacted to obtain a sign along the road near the blind child's house. She gave the information on the person who contacted her to Mrs. Huchler-Smith who will contact Mr. Fedorchak to have a sign placed on that road.

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, November 27th at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Building.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dorko, Secretary