

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD  
DISABLED PERSONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2008**

A meeting of the Disabled Persons Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, February 26, 2008. 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  
George Crawford, member (absent)

**OTHERS:**

Pete Stainthorpe, Supervisor Liaison

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 22, 2008 MINUTES**

Ms. Dorko moved, Mr. Rogers seconded and the January 2008 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**EMC**

Mrs. Huchler-Smith stated the EMC form was supposed to be posted on the Township web-site but it directs people to contact the LMT Police Department. Ms. Huchler-Smith stated she would e-mail Chief Coluzzi about the problem.

Ms. Huchler-Smith stated she spoke with Mrs. Ann Langtry from Pennsbury School District about distributing the EMC form to special needs families. Mrs. Langtry stated that she spoke with Dr. Paul Long and they both agreed it was a good idea to distribute the EMC form to all of the special needs families in the school district. Mrs. Langtry noted that many of the special needs students at Pennsbury are from other townships and the Lower Makefield Township Police agreed to forward any outside township forms onto the respective municipalities.

Mrs. Huchler-Smith talked about how the Board could divide the job of distributing the EMC forms to the Pennsbury schools and asked the Board to look at the form and make comments. Mr. Rogers stated that he likes the form as is.

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

Ms. Dorko stated that she created a questionnaire for the LMT residents to fill out relating to services or needs the Township could improve upon or add. Mr. Rogers suggested asking the person filling out the questionnaire to put a telephone number on the form so they can be contacted if they have any questions or concerns. He also suggested adding the Township address.

Mrs. Huchler-Smith discussed including the questionnaire in the Township newsletter and will add it to the Township web-site. The Board agreed their goal would be to have the questionnaire ready to be mailed out by the next meeting.

### **BARRIER-FREE DOORS**

Mrs. Huchler-Smith stated at the February 20, 2008 meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved barrier-free doors for the upstairs entrance to the Municipal Building and at the entrance to the Tax Office. The barrier-free doors open by pushing a button.

### **MAKEFIELD ELEMENTARY ADDITION**

Mr. Rogers stated the Makefield Elementary addition will be in the rear of the original building and the parking will change significantly. He stated the problem is the school is not accessible and the ADA states that if 20% of the total value of the building is spent on a renovation the building must be accessible. The Board looked at Makefield addition plans and made comments on the accessibility to the building and the need for additional handicap parking in the front of the building. Mr. Rogers stated that he would send a letter Ms. Frick with the Board's comments and questions regarding accessibility to be answered.

### **LIBRARY DOORS**

Ms. Piccinotti stated that she called all of the local libraries and asked if they have accessible doors. She stated the Levittown branch was one of the only branches to have accessible doors but noted the building is new.

Mr. Rogers stated that now knowing what accessible doors cost and accessibility options the Board can approach the local libraries and Bucks County about options to implement accessibility options.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Ms. Huchler-Smith discussed getting information on local transportation options out to the public. She suggested the Board create a magnet with the transportation companies name and telephone numbers on the magnets. Mr. Rogers stated that he thought BCCT already had magnets available to the public and he would check into it

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Building.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dorko, Secretary