

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
DISABLED PERSONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2008**

A meeting of the Disabled Persons Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, January 22, 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

OTHERS:

Pete Stainthorpe, Supervisor Liaison (absent)

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2007 MINUTES

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

NEW DISABLED PERSONS ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

Mrs. Huchler-Smith stated the Board of Supervisors appointed a new member to the Disabled Board and his name is George Crawford. She stated Mr. Crawford would be accompanied by his wife to the meetings because he has a speech impediment. Mrs. Huchler-Smith noted Mr. and Mrs. Crawford would be out of town until May and suggested the Disabled Board ask the Board of Supervisors for an alternate member to be appointed to sit in for Mr. and Mrs. Crawford during their absence or the absence of any other members from time to time so that Board has a consistent number of participating members. Mrs. Huchler-Smith stated that she would follow-up with the Board of Supervisors on this matter.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Huchler-Smith stated that she, Mr. Rogers and Mrs. Piccinotti were re-appointed to the Disabled Persons Advisory Board for another 2-year term.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Rogers nominated Mrs. Huchler-Smith as Chairman of the Disabled Persons Advisory Board. Ms. Dorko seconded and the nomination unanimously carried.

Mrs. Huchler-Smith nominated Mr. Rogers as Vice-Chairman of the Disabled Persons Advisory Board. Mrs. Piccinotti seconded and the nomination unanimously carried.

Mr. Rogers nominated Ms. Dorko as Secretary of the Disabled Persons Advisory Board. Mrs. Huchler-Smith seconded and the nomination unanimously carried.

SIGNS FOR THE BLIND CHILD

Mrs. Huchler-Smith stated that signs have been installed on Yardley-Morrisville Road for the residents with a blind child that requested the signs.

LMT NEWSLETTER

Mrs. Huchler-Smith stated she sent in an article on behalf of the Disabled Board for the Township newsletter. She stated she is not sure when the next newsletter would be sent out.

HANDICAP DOORS

Mrs. Huchler-Smith stated that no bids were received for the Tax Office doors at the first bid opening on December 6, 2007. She stated that one contractor picked up the spec package for the second bid go around and the bid would be opened the first week in February.

NEW PERMITS

No new permits to report.

EMC

Chief Coluzzi reported to Mrs. Huchler-Smith that the Police recently met with the Neighborhood Watch Association. Mrs. Huchler-Smith stated that Chief Coluzzi e-mailed the Neighborhood Watch Association the EMC lists and forms and they will post the form on the Neighborhood Watch Association web-site.

GOALS FOR 2008

The Board discussed the following goals for 2008:

Community Outreach

- Community Day is a great outreach tool and a giveaway at the booth was suggested for this year.
- Seniors
- Mailing to the public – Mrs. Huchler-Smith suggested sending a questionnaire to people asking what is important to them about accessibility. She suggested drafting a letter to go with the questionnaire. Ms. Dorko and Mrs. Piccinotti would start working on the draft questionnaire. The Board talked about how to reach out to the community through the questionnaire and through the schools.

Handicap Doors

- The Board is still working on this project.

Library Doors

- Mrs. Huchler-Smith asked if someone would contact the County about installing the proper doors at the Library.

EMC Update

Handicap Parking

- Mrs. Huchler-Smith stated there needs to be an additional handicap spot outside the Tax Office. Mr. Rogers stated the Township is waiting for the new landscaping and door to be installed before putting in the additional handicap parking spot. Mrs. Huchler-Smith stated the Board also needs to address the handicap parking at the Township Pool.

Transportation

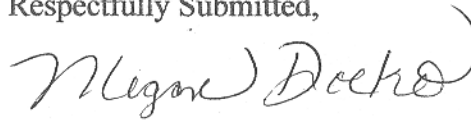
Outreach to other Townships

- Mrs. Huchler-Smith stated she and Mr. Rogers have reached out to other Townships but they did not respond. Mr. Rogers stated the County should form a Disabled Board this year and that would act as a catalyst to get other Townships involved.

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, February 26th 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