

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

A meeting of the Disabled Persons Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, August 26th, 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
Dennis "Digger" O'Brien, alternate member

OTHERS:

Pete Stainthorpe, Supervisor Liaison
Charm Crawford

APPROVAL OF JULY 2008 MINUTES

Mr. Rogers moved, Mr. O'Brien seconded and the July 2008 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

HANDICAPPED DOORS

The automatic doors have been installed in both the main and tax office entrances to the Township building. Electricity for both sets of doors has not been set up as of yet.

BIKE/WALK PATHS

Mrs. Huchler-Smith stated that she recently noticed that the bike/walk paths near Memorial Park are cracked and in poor condition. Mrs. Huchler-Smith expressed concern that the pavement in this area is a safety issue, especially for those persons using wheelchairs. Mr. Stainthorpe suggested that Park and Recreation be notified to help fix the problem.

QUESTIONNAIRE

The DPAB questionnaire was prepared for mailing and is now ready to be distributed to community members.

DPAB BROCHURE

The brochure for the Disabled Persons Advisory Board is currently up-to-date and ready for distribution. New copies of the brochure will be ordered at the beginning of the year.

COMMUNITY PRIDE DAY

The schedule for participation in Community Pride Day for DPAB members was decided and is as follows:

12:00 – 1:30 – Mrs. Huchler Smith
1:30 – 3:00 – Mr. O'Brien
3:00 – 4:00 – Mr. and Mrs. Crawford

These board members will be present at the DPAB table at the times listed above. The table will also have several items available to interested community members, including informational brochures, handouts, magnets and pens.

Due to time constraints, a special event for disabled community members will not be possible for this year. However, the DPAB plans to advertise for such an event next year. This special event would amount to time being set aside for disabled community members to enjoy a regularly scheduled Community Pride Day event as a separate group, similar to an “adult swim.” It was suggested that the pet fair could be one of the activities used for this purpose.

WEBSITE

The DPAB section of the Lower Makefield Township website will be updated for the next meeting. Updates will include the latest meeting minutes, as well as the revised brochure and a copy of the DPAB questionnaire. EMC forms will also be available.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Rogers stated that he received a call from an engineer at Pennsbury regarding the Board's concern with the accessibility of the front entrance. It was learned that the building would be listed as a historical structure so no changes to the front entrance can be made. It was noted, however, that this entrance will be used for staff only, and that the back of the building provides an accessible entrance for the disabled, as well as handicapped parking.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 23rd at 7:30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dorko, Secretary