

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
DISABLED PERSONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2011**

A meeting of the Disabled Persons Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, October 25, 2011. Chairperson Huchler-Smith opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Those present:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Lisa Huchler-Smith, Chairperson
David Rogers, member
George Crawford, member
Trish O'Donnell, Vice-Chairperson
Lynn Buie-Carter, member (absent)
Megan Dorko, Secretary

OTHERS:

Ron Smith, Supervisor Liaison (absent)
Charm Crawford

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 2011 MINUTES

Mr. Rogers moved, Mr. Crawford seconded and the September 2011 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FORM UPDATE

The mailing for the emergency management forms went out to 91 households and the number of responses is increasing. As of this meeting the numbers are as follows:

12 Deceased
6 Moved
1 Not Disabled
37 Updated
35 Not yet returned
4 Added

For the 35 forms that have not yet been returned, Ms. Huchler-Smith suggested doing a follow-up mailing, with possible phone calls to be made as a reminder. In addition, many emergency forms were distributed and returned at the recent Health Fair held on October 13th. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford have agreed to attend the Neighborhood Watch meeting on October 27, in hopes of distributing more forms and information to LMT residents.

Our contact at the LMT Police Department, Officer Pell, would like to make some simple changes to the forms for internal use (such as the date the form was received, etc.). The DPAB plans to do another big push for the forms in 2012.

PLAYGROUND

Ms. Huchler-Smith and Ms. O'Donnell attended the latest meeting of the Parks and Recreation committee on October 18th. Plans for the playground are to be set into motion in early November when the dirt is removed from the proposed site. The township engineer will then come up with site plans. Six playground equipment companies have been contacted and will offer proposals for the playground around January/February of 2012. At the beginning of the new year, the DPAB plans to put much of its efforts into fundraising for the playground.

COMMUNITY ACCESS AWARD

The DPAB has been discussing ways in which to inform the LMT community about the Community Access Award. The Board has agreed to contact Bucks County Courier Times columnist Kate Fratti, and request that she write an article about the award, as well as a few of the other projects currently being pursued by the DPAB (such as the emergency management forms and the inclusive playground). The Board has also agreed to the possibility of running an ad in the community news section of the Times, as well as the Bucks County Midweek. Ms. Dorko has an ad design ready, and will be submitting it the other Board members for their approval.

NEW PROJECT/PLANS

There are no new projects or plans at this time.

SENIOR CENTER PLANNING BOARD

Mr. Rogers took a bus tour along with other planning board members to look at potential building sites for the new Senior Center. Four potential sites were visited, all presenting various advantages and disadvantages. One site would not offer adequate parking for the number of square footage provided. The barn at the Patterson Farm is another possibility but it would need an elevator installed as well as other adjustments to make it fully accessible. Another possible site is behind the new Veteran's monument, but it is uncertain how many people (especially Veterans) would feel about this plan.

The planning board will meet again in two weeks to come up with a recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS

The township is currently working on making some improvements to the community pool, which include helping to make the pool more accessible for the disabled. The township will be purchasing three chair lifts that will make it possible for LMT residents with disabilities to use the pool more easily.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dorko, Secretary