

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
DISABLED PERSONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2011**

A meeting of the Disabled Persons Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, September 27, 2011. Chairperson Huchler-Smith opened the meeting at 7:30 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
Megan Dorko, Secretary (absent)

OTHERS:

Ron Smith, Supervisor Liaison (absent)
Charm Crawford
Anonymous Observer

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 2011 MINUTES

Ms. Huchler-Smith moved, Mr. Rogers seconded and the August 2011 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FORM UPDATE

The mailing went out to 91 households and all responses have been given to LMT Police Department. New contact is Officer Pell.

12 Deceased
5 Moved
1 Not Disabled
34 Updated
29 Not yet returned.

Ms. Huchler-Smith spoke at September 1st Supervisors meeting requesting citizens fill out EMR form. She also plans on reaching out to the Yardley News. Other plans for reaching out to the public include having a table at the Newtown Health Fair, October 13th at the Lutheran Church of God's Love. Ms. Huchler-Smith, Dave Rogers and Trish O'Donnell will attend the event.

Ms. Huchler-Smith discussed problems at William Penn School during the recent Hurricane emergency, specifically that there was no electricity. She will discuss with Chief Colluzzi on how to

deal with this situation in the future. Lisa Huchler-Smith stated that the EMR form allows people to explain their needs in detail. This should take into consideration any type of equipment needs. In addition, Ms. Huchler-Smith will be discussing the electricity issues with Chief Colluzi to make sure shelters will be able to support residents' needs.

PLAYGROUND

Ms. Huchler-Smith will attend the next meeting of the Parks and Recreation committee on October 18th. Everything is on hold at the moment pending completion of the site plan by Mr. Majewski, Township Engineer. Ms. Huchler-Smith will ask Terry Fedorchak to push this part of the project along.

Donna Linney (P&R) is talking to Superior Play regarding ideas for the playground. There was a discussion by committee members regarding the importance to have at least three manufacturers submit plans for the all-inclusive playground.

EDGEWOOD VILLAGE

Dave Rogers reports that there are permits for the exterior of the buildings only and there have been many improvements. The exterior doorways are not wide enough to comply with existing guidelines for the handicapped. There are two apartments on the second floor, but technically they do not have to be accessible. The interiors of the buildings are shells at this time. There are no curb cuts in the cobblestone curbing within the parking lots and although there are curb cuts on Yardley-Newtown Rd. there are signs posted prohibiting crossing the roadway there.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave Rogers reports that the Handicapped parking signs are missing from the Garden of Reflection parking area. All Handicapped parking issues will be brought to Donna Linney's attention later this fall.

SENIORS

Charm Crawford asked the Seniors to put a paragraph in their newsletter to remind readers if they are new to area or already haven't done so to consider the EMR form.

Lynn Buie suggested adding a line asking if they need electricity for any apparatus they use. Lisa Huchler-Smith thinks the emergency location will already have considered that.

Charm Crawford also suggested we find out the pet policy at William Penn School. Ms. Huchler-Smith will check into that.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25th 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