

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
DISABLED PERSONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2014**

A meeting of the Disabled Persons Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on Wednesday, March 5, 2014. Chairperson Huchler-Smith opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Those present:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Lisa Huchler-Smith, Chairperson
Lynn Carter, Vice-Chairperson
Megan Dorko, Secretary
Trish O'Donnell, member
David Rogers, member
Dan McLaughlin, Supervisor Liaison (attending
Supervisor's Meeting)

OTHERS:

Barbara Williams (absent)

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 2013 MINUTES

Mr. Rogers moved, Ms. Carter seconded and the November 2013 minutes were unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Rogers and Ms. Huchler-Smith have been reappointed by the Board of Supervisor's for an additional 2-year membership with the DPAB. Supervisors are currently conducting interviews with candidates to fill the alternate position that is available. Dan McLaughlin is the new Supervisor Liaison.

REORGANIZATION

Elections for new officers were held and the results are as follows:

- **Lisa Huchler-Smith – Chairperson**
- **Lynn Carter – Vice-Chairperson**
- **Megan Dorko – Secretary**
- **Trish O'Donnell – Member**
- **David Rogers - Member**

PARKING LOT ISSUES/ GOALS FOR 2014

The goals for 2014 were discussed, the first being the update of handicapped parking, and various parking lot issues throughout Lower Makefield Township. McCaffrey's is currently waiting to receive new signage to update their handicapped parking spaces, and signage at public parks and the community pool will need to be brought up to date as well. Ms. Huchler-Smith has e-mailed Donna Werner regarding the issue with handicapped parking in the Giant parking lot, but has yet to receive a response. The DPAB has decided to work with Terry Fedorchak on this issue, and send a letter on township letterhead to help speed the process of fixing the issue along.

Another major goal for 2014 will be the construction and opening of the new inclusive playground planned for Memorial Park. The DPAB will monitor progress on the playground, update the Board of Supervisor's and also launch a campaign to inform the community. The Board has come up with several ideas to help promote the playground, including use of the media, involving community groups (Neighborhood Watch, library clubs), and participating at local events to get the word out.

Additional goals for 2014 include:

- Updated Brochure
- Community Outreach
- Support Emergency Management
- Building Permit Review

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MEETING

Ms. Carter attended a meeting of the Emergency Management Committee on March 4, 2014. Among the topics discussed were community alert notifications and the use of emergency shelters. The LMT police department has re-designed the emergency management form used by people with special needs to alert emergency responders to special situations regarding disabled community members. The DPAB reviewed the form, and has made several suggestions to improve, expand, and clarify its contents.

PLAYGROUND

The plan for the new inclusive playground has been approved as is, and is ready to go out to bid. Construction is scheduled to start in August. As part of the goals for 2014, various plans for informing the public and promoting the playground were discussed.

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2014

The meeting schedule for 2014 has been tentatively set up as follows:

- April 2
- May 7
- June 4

- July 2
- August 6
- September 3
- October 1
- November 5
- December 3

BUILDING PLAN UPDATES

Penn Medical is leasing 8,000 square feet of the newest building in Floral Vale for their dermatology offices. All of the plans indicate complete compliance with ADA standards. Proper modifications to the disabled parking area were made during construction, and thus there are no concerns.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dorko, Secretary