

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
DISABLED PERSONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2014**

A meeting of the Disabled Persons Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on Wednesday, August 6, 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 (absent)
Barbara Williams, Alternate (absent)
Mary Mansfield, Alternate

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 2014 MINUTES

Mr. Rogers moved, Ms. Huchler-Smith seconded and the June 2014 minutes were unanimously approved.

REAPPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS

The township has approved both Ms. Dorko and Ms. O'Donnell for two more years of service on the Disabled Persons Advisory Board.

NEW ALTERNATE MEMBERS

Ms. Barbara Williams has finally received approval from the township regarding her alternate member status. Ms. Mary Mansfield also joins the DPAB as an alternate member. Welcome aboard, ladies!

PARKING LOTS

The Kohl's parking lot is currently being repaved and restriped. The Shop Rite area of the parking lot has been accurately striped according to the wishes of the DPAB, and appropriate handicapped parking signs are ready to be installed. New curb cuts have also been added. The Board is very pleased with the progress, and the improvement of the parking lot has exceeded expectations.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FORM

The Board is currently still in the process of reviewing and revising the Emergency Management forms found online. In searching the Internet, Ms. Huchler-Smith came across a similar form used by the state of Rhode Island, and found the form to be informative and very well put together. The DPAB now hopes to use this form as a guide in revising its own form, which is currently being reviewed and updated by Officer Denise Siano. Ms. Huchler-Smith and Ms. Carter hope to set up a meeting with Officer Siano to discuss changes to the form. Ms. Carter also suggested that the Board also try to put together information for disabled residents regarding their own responsibilities in an emergency (such as having an escape plan, etc.).

PLAYGROUND

The Board discussed different aspects of the inclusive playground as follows:

Bathrooms – Two unisex bathrooms will be available at the playground. Both bathrooms are accessible and no problems are anticipated.

Update from Donna Liney – No update has been obtained as yet. Ms. Huchler-Smith has devised a list of questions she wishes to have answered, and will meet with Donna Liney later this week.

Playground Equipment – Equipment for the playground is being delivered, and construction of the playground is progressing as expected.

Flyer – The Board discussed a few changes to be made to the playground flyer, which will be revised accordingly.

Playground PR – Construction of the new playground was recently featured in an article for the Bucks County Courier Times. Ms. Huchler-Smith is looking into other local publications to help spread news of the playground.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – It is possible that the playground may officially open before the date of the DPAB's next meeting. Ms. Huchler-Smith plans to keep Board members and all others interested in attending the ribbon cutting ceremony informed of all progress that is made.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dorko, Secretary