

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD  
DISABLED PERSONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2015**

A meeting of the Disabled Persons Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on Wednesday, August 5, 2015. Chairperson Huchler-Smith opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Those present:

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 3, 2015 MINUTES**

Ms. Williams moved, Mr. Rogers seconded and the June 3, 2015 minutes were unanimously approved.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Lower Makefield Township will be holding a Community Day, and groups and vendors are currently being sought to participate. The DPAB discussed the possibility of setting up a table for the event, but decided it is not an appropriate venue.

**HANDICAPPED PARKING**

Parking still needs to be brought up to date in the shopping center that includes Giant and McCaffrey's. Ms. Huchler-Smith will be sending a letter to both McCaffrey's and Giant, and will be including a copy of the current ADA requirements for handicapped parking. The DPAB will be on the lookout for other areas in the township that need updated parking, and will compile a list for Public Works.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MEETING**

A new system called Everbridge (PA Ready Notify) is in place to help community members in the event of an emergency. With this new system, those who are registered will show up on a map as having special needs, and will receive special attention from responders in an emergency. Ms. Williams and Ms. Dorko have volunteered to test out the registration process and will report findings to the DPAB.

## **PLAYGROUND**

There are no new updates to the playground; however, trees still need to be planted. Feeney's will be contacted to ensure that new trees are planted in the fall.

## **NEWS ARTICLES**

The Board took some time to review and discuss two articles that were recently published in the Bucks County Courier Times. One article focused on the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the other discussed the formation of a group in Middletown Township that aims to help the disabled and elderly with basic household chores.

## **TOWNSHIP COMMUNICATIONS ENHANCEMENTS**

Since no other township currently offers closed captioning for televised public meetings, the DPAB has decided to postpone efforts to bring this service to Lower Makefield Township. Meeting minutes are still available via the LMT website. The DPAB will keep a close eye on this issue, and will advocate accordingly as more opportunities to implement this service arise.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Run, Roll and Walk** – The annual Run the Gates Run, Roll and Walk was a big success, bringing in approximately \$11,000 in fundraising. Congratulations to all who participated!

**Road Tour** – Ms. Huchler-Smith expressed her regrets at missing the LMT Road Tour this year. The Road Tour presents an opportunity for the board to bring it's accomplishments to the attention of the community and also to address accessibility concerns.

**Dog Park** – The establishment of a dog park in Lower Makefield Township is still being considered. Ms. Huchler-Smith has sent a letter to Terry Fedorchak addressing the board's concerns about the proposed location of the park.

## **MEETING SCHEDULE**

The DPAB meeting schedule for the rest of 2015 is as follows:

**September 2, 2015** – Meeting Scheduled

**October 7, 2015** – Cancelled

**November 4, 2015** – TBA

**December 2, 2015** – TBA

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dorko, Secretary