

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
DISABLED PERSONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2017**

A meeting of the Disabled Persons Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on January 4, 2017. 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
David Mann, alternate
Justin Van Dyke, alternate (absent)
Kristin Tyler, Supervisor Liaison
Nancy Schrieber, Guest Speaker

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 2016 MINUTES

Mr. Rogers moved, Ms. O'Donnell seconded, and the November 2016 minutes were unanimously approved.

REORGANIZATION FOR 2017

The board positions will remain as follows:

Lisa Huchler-Smith, Chairperson
David Rogers, Vice-Chairperson
Megan Dorko, Secretary
Trish O'Donnell, member
Barbara Williams, member
Justin Van Dyke, alternate
David Mann, alternate

Our new supervisor liaison is Kristin Tyler. Welcome aboard, Kristin!

GUEST SPEAKER

Guest speaker Nancy Schrieber gave a presentation on "Adult Behavioral and Mental Issues" in the community. The presentation explored mental illness and those it affects, as well as how we as a community can help support those dealing with mental health issues. The board thanks for Ms. Schrieber for her time and expertise.

VETERANS MEMORIAL/FARMERS MARKET

Ms. Huchler-Smith has received a response from Donna Liney, and the Parks and Recreation department will address the accessibility of the Veterans Memorial/Farmers Market path this year.

E-MAIL FROM RESIDENT

An LMT resident has asked the board to assist in making boat access along the river more available to the disabled. The board is unsure of how it can assist, as more details regarding the situation will be needed before it can offer a solution. The issue will be explored, and the DPAB will offer whatever assistance it can.

PLAYGROUND

A trellis has been installed at the entrance to the Secret Garden playground via the efforts of the Eagle Scouts.

GOLF COURSE IMPROVEMENTS

Significant improvements have been made to the accessibility of the Makefield Highlands golf course, including the addition of a striped walkway and six handicapped parking spaces. Proper signage for the handicapped parking is still missing, however, and must be obtained in order to make fines for violations enforceable by law.

SURVEY FOR SENIORS AND VETERANS

The title for the survey for seniors and veterans has been changed to “Accessibility Survey.” The survey is available on the seniors Web page. Ms. Huchler-Smith has made inquiries as to whether the survey can be attached as part of the senior newsletter, and if it can be made available at meetings. Supervisor liaison Kristin Tyler also works with the seniors, and will provide support in bringing attention to the survey.

E-MAIL MONITORING

David Mann has volunteered to monitor any e-mail that comes through to the DPAB via the web page.

NEW BUSINESS

The board has been tasked to bring ideas for 2017 goals to the next meeting. Mr. Mann has suggested we discuss the possibility of renaming our committee. We will bring some ideas to the next meeting for discussion and consideration.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The meeting schedule for 2017 is currently as follows:

February 1 – MEETING

March 1 – MEETING

April 5 – MEETING

May 3 – NO MEETING

June 7 – MEETING

July 5 – NO MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The Board will meet again on February 1, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dorko, Secretary