

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
DISABLED PERSONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017**

A meeting of the Disabled Persons Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on February 1, 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 (absent)
Barbara Williams, member (absent)
David Mann, alternate
Justin Van Dyke, alternate
Kristin Tyler, Supervisor Liaison
(attending Supervisor's meeting)

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 2017 MINUTES

Mr. Rogers moved, Mr. Mann seconded, and the January 2017 minutes were unanimously approved.

BOARD WELCOMES NEW ALTERNATE MEMBER

The Board would like to officially welcome David Mann, our newest alternate member. Welcome aboard, David!

2017 GOALS

The goals for the DPAB for 2017 have been identified as follows:

- Hold an event at Memorial Park.
- Possible new name for the DPAB.
- Look into accessible boat ramp (per request of resident).
- Address accessibility issues within the Township Municipal Building.
- Relay support for accessible path and sensory trail at new baseball/community center area.
- Follow up on: parking signage at Makefield Highlands and other Township properties; accessible path at Veterans Park.
- Community communication: article in Township newsletter; survey in Senior newsletter; update board at future meeting of activities; design and distribute PA Ready Notify brochure.
- Keep current on new building plans: Community Center; Delorenzo's; Edgewood Village.
- Continue training on building plan review.

- Offer support to local Senators and Representatives to advocate for disability rights at the federal level.
- Offer helpful links on Township Web site (i.e. transportation, housing, etc.).
- Help facilitate better communication between the Township and the disabled community.

EVENT AT MEMORIAL PARK

Ms. Huchler-Smith introduced the idea of holding a “Roll and Stroll” walk event at Memorial Park. The Board discussed possible dates for the event (the most likely being October 14, 2017), as well as possible vendors that could attend the event as well.

POTENTIAL NEW BOARD NAME

Board member David Mann has suggested a new, more politically correct name for the DPAB. The suggestion was prompted given that “persons with disabilities” is generally more inclusive and empowering than simply using the phrase “disabled people.” A couple of possibilities were discussed, those in particular being “Accessibility and Inclusion Advisory Board” and “Disability Issues Advisory Board.”

BLUSH SALON

Ms. Huchler-Smith mentioned that the parking lot and curb cut at the Blush salon in downtown Yardley are not up to code. Ms. Huchler-Smith stated that she would attempt to contact someone in Yardley to have the situation corrected. However, since the downtown area does not fall within the DPAB’s area of influence, it may be a problem that cannot be remedied.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The Board will meet again on March 1, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dorko, Secretary