

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
DISABLED PERSONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017**

A meeting of the Disabled Persons Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on April 5, 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 (absent)
Justin Van Dyke, alternate (absent)
Kristin Tyler, Supervisor Liaison
(attending Supervisor's meeting)

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 2017 MINUTES

Ms. O'Donnell moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the March 2017 minutes were unanimously approved.

TOWNSHIP DOOR ACCESSIBILITY

The township has received our letter and will work to find a solution. The DPAB will follow up in a couple of months.

CHURCH ADA RECOMMENDATIONS

Ms. Huchler-Smith shared an article with the group, as well as a printout of ADA guidelines regarding churches and other places of worship. If possible, Ms. Huchler-Smith intends to simplify the recommendations given as much as possible and send them along with a letter to local churches. Ms. Huchler-Smith also recalled having a simple checklist for such organizations, and will make an effort to find it.

GOLF COURSE HANDICAPPED SIGNS

Per Ms. Huchler-Smith, the golf course has found appropriate signage that meets both the aesthetic of Makefield Highlands, and the proper requirements regarding legal enforcement. We will investigate where these unique signs can be purchased and pass information along to golf course management.

COMMUNITY PRIDE DAY

LMT Community Pride Day will be held on Sunday, September 3, 2017. Members of the DPAB will be in attendance to help promote the Roll and Stroll event being held in October.

ACCESSIBILITY SURVEY

Ms. O' Donnell will be bringing copies of the DPAB accessibility survey to the next senior meeting.

ROLL AND STROLL EVENT AT MEMORIAL PARK

Ms. Huchler-Smith has crafted a mission statement for the Roll and Stroll event to be held at Memorial Park in October 2017:

“To bring together people of all abilities for a community event which will involve a self-timed 1K walk, playtime at the inclusive playground and sharing of information and resources available in the community.”

The community event will include light refreshments; time to enjoy the Secret Garden playground, and an exhibition game by the YMS Special Stars. The event will also include vendors (see list) that will distribute important information regarding special needs services in our area. Other possible features for the event include music, and free t-shirts to those participants under age 18 who register. Ms. Dorko is working on creating a flier for the event.

Possible Vendors:

- Center for Independent Living
- Pennsbury School
- Rep. Perry Warren
- Nancy Scheible (mental health awareness)
- Artists of Yardley
- Newtown Athletic Club
- Action Karate Newtown
- Lower Bucks YMCA
- Autism Cares
- Special Equestrians
- Handicapped Crusaders
- St. Mary Medical Center

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Huchler-Smith shared with the board a brochure listing various support groups in Bucks County for parents of special needs children. Copies of this brochure may be distributed as a resource for parents at the Roll and Stroll event.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The Board will meet again on June 7, 2017. The meeting for May is cancelled.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dorko, Secretary