

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
DISABLED PERSONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018**

A meeting of the Disabled Persons Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on January 3, 2018. 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 (absent)
Trish O'Donnell, member
Barbara Williams, member
David Mann, alternate
Justin Van Dyke, alternate (absent)
Kristin Tyler, Supervisor Liaison (absent)

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 2017 MINUTES

Mr. Rogers moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the November 2017 minutes were unanimously approved.

GUEST SPEAKER

Ms. Bethany Heleniak, MSW Community Liaison for LIFE St. Mary's, spoke about their program LIFE (Living Independently for Elders). This program helps participants over age 55 stay as independent as possible, while helping to prevent unnecessary hospital stays. The program provides recipients with the quality health care they deserve, and assists in allowing older adults to live safely at home, providing an alternative to nursing home care.

Information about the program will be passed along to the Senior Group. They may consider Ms. Heleniak as a guest speaker at a future meeting.

REAPPOINTMENTS

The Board of Supervisors reappointed the following members at their December 20, 2017 meeting for another 2-year term:

Lisa Huchler-Smith
David Rogers
Barbara Williams
Kristin Tyler, Supervisor Liaison

REORGANIZATION

The reorganization of Board members for 2018 is as follows:

Lisa Huchler-Smith, Chairperson - Mr. Mann moved, Ms. O'Donnell seconded, unanimously approved.

David Mann, Vice Chairperson - Mr. Rogers moved, Ms. O'Donnell seconded, unanimously approved.

Megan Dorko, Secretary - Mr. Rogers moved, Mr. Mann seconded, unanimously approved.

LMT ROLL AND STROLL

Review the article posted in the newsletter. Two pictures and article written up.

NEW BOARD NAME

A motion was made by Mr. Mann and seconded by Mr. Rogers and unanimously approved to change the name of the board from Disabled Persons Advisory Board to **Disability Advisory Board**.

Ms. Huchler-Smith will attend the Board of Supervisors meeting for approval.

NEW MISSION STATEMENT

A motion was made by Ms. O'Donnell and seconded by Ms. Williams and unanimously approved to change the mission statement to:

“The mission of the Lower Makefield Township Disability Advisory Board is to educate and advise the Township and broader community about issues affecting people with disabilities; promoting inclusion, safety and equal access for everyone.”

Ms. Huchler-Smith will attend the Board of Supervisors meeting for approval.

UPDATE BROCHURE

The brochure should be updated for:

- New Name
- New Logo
- New Mission statement
- New appointments
- Roll and Stroll

Ms. Dorko can update and Ms. Huchler-Smith will print for placement in the township building and new community center.

PRETTY BIRD CAFÉ-UPDATE

Pretty Bird Café in Yardley Borough has addressed its accessibility issues by placing a sign asking disabled patrons to ring a bell for accessible entrance into the cafe. This will allow employees to open a side door to let people in without going onto the front porch.

There is also an issue with access to the ramp from the back parking lot. Ms. Huchler-Smith spoke to the owner of the building, Mr. Tim Foster, and they discussed the need for a 3 foot striped area to allow for access to the ramp leading to the cafe. He explained that restriping of the entire parking lot will be done upon completion of the new building located behind the parking lot.

GOALS FOR 2018

Formal goals for the Disability Advisory Board will be set during the February meeting.

BUILDING PLANS

Mr. Rogers has picked up building plans for a new memory care facility in Lower Makefield Township. The facility is to be built along Oxford Valley Road and Dorby Road. Mr. Rogers will review the plans and bring any comments to the next meeting.

In addition, Mr. Rogers will inquire about plans for the new Bagel shop that has opened near Giant.

Meeting minutes were completed by Ms. Huchler-Smith (secretary Megan Dorko was absent) but will be formally submitted by Ms. Dorko once reviewed by all.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The Board will meet again on February 7, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dorko, Secretary