

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
DISABILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2018**

A meeting of the Disability Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Community Center on June 6, 2018. Chairperson Huchler-Smith opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Those present:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Lisa Huchler-Smith, Chairperson
David Mann, Vice-Chairperson
Megan Dorko, Secretary (absent)
Trish O'Donnell, member
Barbara Williams, member (absent)
David Rogers, member
Justin Van Dyke, alternate (absent)
Kristin Tyler, Supervisor Liaison
(attending BOS meeting)

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2018 MINUTES

Mr. Mann moved, Ms. O'Donnell seconded, and the April 4, 2018 minutes were unanimously approved.

POOL PASSES

The Lower Makefield Township Parks and Recreation committee has given each board member free pool passes. The board would like to thank LMT.

COMMUNITY PRIDE DAY

The LMT Community Pride Day will be held Sunday, September 2, 2018. The DAB feels that we should attend, and will do its best to arrange enough volunteers for the day.

ROLL AND STROLL 2018

The Roll and Stroll will be held Saturday, September 29, 2018 from 10:00-11:30 at Memorial Park. The board discussed the layout and will decide if changes need to be made.

Ms. Barbara Williams has confirmed that Pegasus Riders and the Bucks County CIL will be attending. Autism Cares and YMCA are unable to attend this year.

Other vendors potential vendors include: YMS Special Stars, Potential Inc., Elayna (Girl Scout to hand out Garden of Reflection pamphlets), Perry Warren's office, Parks and Rec Walking Club, ABLE, Penn Mental Health, Circle Speech, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

All vendors will need to complete a registration form.

If the Parks and Rec Walking Club join us, the board is considering doing 2 separate walks — a self-timed 1K walk, and a longer 2K walk.

The board will start advertising the date for the event as soon as some of the other vendors confirm.

RESPONSIBLE PARKING

Mr. David Mann has forwarded an email with a flier and YouTube video to educate the public about responsible parking around wheelchair accessible vehicle spaces. We noted that there was a car parked on the stripes outside of the community center (this person clearly thought the striped area was an additional parking spot). The stripes represent space to deploy a wheelchair ramp.

We propose to launch a mini awareness campaign to educate people as to what the stripes mean. In the coming months we will hand out fliers at community events, attend a supervisor meeting, place fliers in township buildings, hang in common areas such as pool, library, community center, shopping centers, post on Facebook page and give handouts to Seniors. In addition, the information will be placed on the township website under our tab.

GRANT FOR PATHS CONNECTING TOWNSHIP BUILDING, FIELDS, COMMUNITY CENTER

Mr. Dave Rogers will follow up with Planning and Zoning to make sure all paths are accessible and connect important structures (possibly Kids Kingdom bathrooms).

BUILDING PLANS

The doors to the entrance of the new Community Center are still being discussed, as they are currently too heavy and difficult to use for some seniors. The board will monitor progress.

Accessible hardware in the Township building is also in need of an upgrade, as some of the equipment (i.e. doorknobs), can be difficult for those with disabilities to use. Mr. Majewski in Planning and Zoning said that they were preparing to update the main doors into the offices soon.

The Veteran's Memorial pathway is still in need of a proper cutout. The board will monitor progress since it has to coincide with traffic light upgrade for pedestrians.

PRETTY BIRD CAFÉ

Mr. David Mann visited the café in Yardley and was very impressed to see the new handicap accommodations to entering the building safely on the side. A door bell was installed with signage to allow safe entry. The board will consider bringing up this topic at a Supervisors meeting to show how businesses can make a difference (sometimes with very little effort).

NEW BUSINESS

Veteran Memorial Parking

Mr. David Mann was wondering if the parking lot at Veteran's memorial had plans to be paved. We do not believe there is any intention to pave that area. We will look into whether the 2 handicapped spots could be made more accessible and potentially link the new bike path along Edgewood Road to the monuments brick pathway.

Macclesfield Parking

Mr. David Mann has been attending games and practices with his son at Macclesfield. There appears to be no van accessible parking spots that have the stripes to allow his handicapped ramp to deploy safely. We will look into the overall parking issue.

Hits on Our DAB Website Page

The board is curious as to how many people actually visit the DAB webpage on the township website. If we plan to post helpful information we want to know how many people it is potentially reaching. We will reach out to Ms. Lynn Todd in the township building to see if this data is collected.

Access to Kids Kingdom — Bathrooms, Back Area and Pathway

In discussing the grant above it was noted that Kids Kingdom does have bathrooms, but the board is not sure if they are accessible due to age. It would be beneficial to people with disabilities to be able to have a safe pathway to the bathrooms, but also to the back of Kids Kingdom where parents gather and sit and potentially to the picnic area.

Recap potential items to be discussed at future BOS Meeting:

1. Roll and Stroll
2. Responsible Parking
3. Park Facilities and Overall Accessibility

- Parking: Veterans Memorial, Macclesfield and new Snipes complex.
- Access: Veterans monument pathway, to fields, to bathroom facilities.
As we continue to build additional facilities in the township and connect areas it is important to consider connecting important areas with accessible pathways to accommodate people with walkers, canes, wheelchairs or people that have difficulty walking.

2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

The DAB meeting schedule for the remainder of 2018 is as follows:

Meetings: August 1, September 5, and November 7.
NO Meetings: July 4, and December 5.

The DAB is also considering moving its meeting day to the second Wednesday of each month. This will allow DAB members to attend the Board of Supervisors meetings more easily should any pertinent issues arise. To be addressed with the township manager.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Dorko, Secretary

Footnote: After the meeting we were informed that Secretary Ms. Megan Dorko will be leaving the area in September and will be resigning at that point. In addition, Mr. Justin VanDyke is leaving the area and is resigning. Open vacancies will be advertised.