

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD**  
**DISABILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 9, 2024**

A meeting of the Disability Advisory Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held at the Township building on October 9, 2024. Chairperson Huchler opened the meeting at 6:04 pm.

Those present:

Lisa Huchler, Chairperson (in person)  
Cynthia Lang, Vice Chairperson (via Zoom)  
Michele Williams, Secretary (via phone)  
Abbey Yeatts, Member (in person)

Matt Ross, Supervisor Liaison- Absent

**APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 14, 2024 MINUTES**

Ms. Lang moved, Ms. Yeatts seconded, and the August 14, 2024 minutes were approved unanimously.

**OPEN POSITIONS**

Ms. Huchler stated that there is currently 1 open member position and 1 alternate position for the Disability Advisory Board (DAB). Please send a letter of interest with a current resume to township manager at [admin@lmt.org](mailto:admin@lmt.org). For further information, please email [dab@lmt.org](mailto:dab@lmt.org) or leave a message at the LMT main number at 267-274-1100. You can also reach out to any LMT Disability Advisory Board Member.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment this week.

**VOTING ACCESS AND BUCKS COUNTY CIL INFO**

BCCIL Services, Bucks County Center for Independent Living <http://buckscil.org/>

Open House on October 11, 2024 with information about accessible voting. They are located at 3466 Progress Dr., Ste 111, Bensalem, PA. 215-781-5070

Save the date for their Youth Transition Conference on January 21, 2025 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. A day of learning and experiences for all youth and young adults with disabilities. Contact Director, Claire Leal at [claireleal@buckscil.org](mailto:claireleal@buckscil.org) for information.

Ms. Williams asked Ms. Yeatts where she would go to look for resources for her children. Ms. Yeatts said that she obtains resources and information from her children's school. Many services can be coordinated through the schools and CIL does work with the districts in the area.

Also, encourage anyone that needs voting resources to go to <https://disabilities.temple.edu/resources/pennsylvania-voter-resources>  
[League of Women Voters www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)

### **LMT COMMUNITY EVENTS**

5 K Color Fun Run for Accessibility is rescheduled to Saturday, October 13, 2024 for all interested in volunteering and supporting. This is the fourth year for this event. A portion of the funds raised will be allocated to the ADA Transition Plan. Parks and Rec is asking the DAB members for volunteers. Reminder that the color thrown at stations is elective for runners.

### **ADA TRANSITION PLAN UPDATES**

The ADA Transition plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors in April 2021. Monica Tierney had asked the DAB to look through the plan and update as needed. Detail updates to each section of the plan were sent to Monica Tierney along with some issues we noted while reviewing each of the parks. We may need to consider addressing some of the improvements/maintenance sooner while waiting for the larger, long-term projects to get started and funded. They are working on the updated version of the plan and hope to get a draft to us soon.

In addition, Ms. Yeatts will assist the LMT Parks and Rec department with the ADA Transition Plan for programming. Monica Tierney has said the plan is about incorporating a process for accessibility to the current programs and then discuss what the need is for specific programming. We will address this at our meeting with Monica Tierney and staff.

### **LMT PROJECT UPDATES**

Several Parks and Rec projects were included in the ADA Transition Plan completed in 2021. The Disability Advisory Board (DAB) will review plans, work with Parks and Rec in any planning, suggestions and monitor as progress is made.

Parks and Rec Projects and other projects to follow up in 2024:

Bike Paths looking to do \$70,000 in repairs each year.

Michele Williams expressed concern that builders should have to contribute towards these paths. She asked about having bike paths going to the Kohl's shopping center. Ms. Lang also asked about why bike paths stop from Big oak Rd and Stony Hill Rd. Lisa Huchler stated that many times builders do put in the original bike path but the ongoing maintenance is left up to the township or community. Ms. Yeatts said that the intersection at Kohl's is not pedestrian friendly. This area is too large to safely cross.

Suggest that the bike paths most heavily used should be prioritized.

Memorial/Secret Garden – updates are being made and should be completed this Fall. Items that will be addressed are as follows:

- Surface and equipment repairs

- Replacement and Painting of equipment

- Wood fence and signage replacement

- Mulch being replaced with seed up to playground surface and landscape maintenance.

- Electrical Box painting

- Shade and walkway to bathroom – no scheduled date. Ask Monica Teirney about grant opportunities.

Kids Kingdom- well beyond its anticipated useful life, the equipment is deteriorating and outdated much of which does not meet today's playground standards. LMT is looking to do a large capital campaign unlike any campaign that has been done historically. It will be fully community driven process. Estimated cost is \$2.75M. Would include playground, pavilion and bathroom modifications. This process would take a couple of years.

Other Projects

Veterans Park-Continue to work with RVE to complete the park master plan. Will present this to the board in the upcoming month.

Pool Bathrooms – No update.

Macclesfield project waiting on written plan to go to Board of Supervisors.

Community Center Handicapped door and parking – No updates.

### **BUILDING PLAN REVIEW**

Will continue to review plans as they come in for other retail establishments at Prickett Preserve. Jim Majewski said that one of the bollards had to be moved since the workers placed in direct path of handicapped parking striping.

No other building going on in the township currently.

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

Next meeting will be held December 11, 2024 at the Township Building meeting room.

Meeting for November 2024 has been cancelled.

### **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Yeatts moved and Ms. Williams seconded to adjourn, approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Williams

Secretary, Disability Advisory Board