

**TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD
ADA COMPLIANCE AND DISABILITIES BOARD
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2006**

A meeting of the ADA Compliance and Disabilities Board was held on February 8, 2006 at the Lehman School and Technical Education Center on Airport Road in Lakewood, with the following persons in attendance:

Tom Barry, Phil Charrow, Dr. Stephen Scher (Deputy Chair), Tom Lorenc, Linda Halm, Rosalyn Baer, Sheila Nagelberg, Hannah Havens, Chairperson, Committeeman Charles Cunliffe, Liaison, and secretary – Phyllis L. Stubbs.

Guests: Dorothy Charrow, Janet Scher, Mrs. Lorenc.

Mrs. Havens called the meeting to order and asked for nominations for Chairperson and Vice Chair.

Tom Lorenc nominated Linda Halm – Phil Charrow seconded.

Mrs. Baer moved to close the nominations. Mrs. Halm was unanimously elected.

Mrs. Havens then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Halm who called for nominations for Vice Chair.

Dr. Scher was unanimously elected to the position of Vice Chair for a second term.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dr. Scher asked about handicapped access to the Lakewood Heritage Museum. Lakewood has such a rich heritage – the museum should be accessible to everyone. Charlie Cunliffe suggested that Sheldon Wolpin be contacted about the problem. Mrs. Scher said that she has spoken to Mr. Wolpin but there has been no resolution of the problem to date.

Mrs. Scher also spoke about handicapped accessibility at Eagle Ridge. The handicapped parking spaces are by the steps – a handicapped person has to go around to the other side of the building to enter. A ramp was originally planned for the area but it did not get installed. She said that it is her understanding that John Franklin met with members of the Kokes family and they had agreed to make the building more accessible, but nothing has been done to date. Mr. Cunliffe suggested that Mrs. Halm contact Mr. Franklin and Ed Mack (Construction Official) about the problem.

Tom Lorenc suggested that the membership of the board be listed on the Township's website, along with the names of the officers. Mr. Cunliffe explained that the web master is working on the web site and is entering information in the order of importance. He will eventually have all boards and commissions entered.

On another matter, Mr. Lorenc has asked that an article on the Board and its workings be put into print as it was last year in the UEZ newsletter. Mr. Cunliffe explained that the newsletter is under the auspices of the UEZ and the UEZ makes all determinations as to content of their newsletter.

Mr. Lorenc spoke about finding new candidates for the "Spirit Award". We have already recognized the Blue Claws Stadium, Strand Theatre and Four Seasons Adult Community.

Tom Lorenc asked about the new hotel, is it still going to be built? Mr. Cunliffe replied that the developer is still planning to build but is being held up by a problem with the sewer connections. The laterals are under the Home Depot Shopping Center. Mr. Lorenc has asked that the developer be required to bring the architect to this Board to discuss handicapped facilities and access on the property. Mr. Cunliffe suggested that the Board set up subcommittees for construction projects and that a member of the subcommittee contact the owner of the project – Hotels Unlimited. Mr. Cunliffe will get the information to Mr. Lorenc via Email.

It was suggested that a member of the Board (Tom Lorenc) contact Kevin Kielt in Engineering periodically to find out about any large facilities being planned. Mr. Cunliffe suggested that Mr. Lorenc should be empowered by a vote from the floor so that he can contact Hotels Unlimited and Kevin Kielt periodically on behalf of the Board. The vote was unanimous.

Still under old business, Linda Halm reported that the Strand received a grant for audio description for the hearing impaired and blind. They are hoping to have the system in place by early spring.

There was discussion of recreational facilities for the disabled. Mr. Lorenc will contact Kevin Kielt about the John Patrick Sports Complex to ascertain that provision has been made for the disabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was discussion about handicapped accessibility at the Lakewood Community Center, particularly since it is now a voting area. The handicapped spot is not van accessible and needs attention, including proper signage. Linda Halm will send a letter to John Franklin, Ed Mack and Kevin Kielt asking for their assistance. Mrs. Havens suggested that a letter go to the Ocean County Board of elections as well.

Tom Lorenc spoke about the necessity for disaster preparedness for the disabled and homebound. Mr. Cunliffe said that the person to contact in that regard would be Michael D'Elia, head of the Emergency Management for the Township. Mr. Charrow asked about the reverse 911 system. Mr. Cunliffe replied that we are currently going out to bid for the system.

Since several board members will not be available on April 3, 2006, another date will be scheduled for our next meeting and a notice will be sent out.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis L. Stubbs
Board Secretary