

**LAKWOOD ADA COMPLIANCE AND DISABILITIES BOARD
MINUTES
MARCH 14, 2007**

A meeting of the ADA Compliance and Disabilities Board was held on March 14, 2007 at the Lehman School and Technical Education Center on Airport Road in Lakewood, with the following persons in attendance:

Tom Barry, Phil Charrow, Larry Lazzaro, Tom Lorenc, Roz Baer, Dr. Steven Scher, Michael D'Elia, Bill Sette, Rev. Gary Stiegler, Linda Halm, Chairperson, and secretary – Phyllis L. Stubbs.

Guests: Jean Hennon, Felicia Tirelli-Minor, Mrs. Charrow.

Absent: John Franklin, Sheila Nagelberg, Hannah Havens.

Mrs. Halm called the meeting to order, at which time Bill Sette introduced Jean Hennon who works with him at Preferred Behavioral Health. She will be attending meetings as a representative from Preferred, particularly when Mr. Sette is unavailable. It was unanimously agreed to recommend to the Township Committee that Ms. Hennon be appointed to the Board to fill one of the vacancies.

Mrs. Halm introduced Mrs. Felicia Tirelli-Minor who came to the Board for help with the handicapped parking situation at Charlie Brown's Restaurant on Route 70. Mrs. Tirelli-Minor spoke about the dangerous conditions which exist in the parking lot, particularly because of the location of the handicapped parking spots. She spoke with the manager of the restaurant and with their corporate offices and was advised that they are unwilling to make changes. She also spoke with the Township's Construction Official (Ed Mack) who told her that the restaurant is in compliance with ADA regulations. However, she does not believe this to be the case. After much discussion, questions arose as to whether or not they are actually in compliance. The Chairman had documentation which indicates that handicapped parking spaces must be placed as close to the entrance as possible. Tom Lorenc advised that to his knowledge this is the case. Also, he advised, that the parking lot at Charlie Brown's has been enlarged. That being the case, are there enough handicapped parking spaces? Mrs. Tirelli-Minor asked that the Board send a letter to Charlie Brown's corporate headquarters asking them to consider moving the handicapped parking spaces. She spoke about an incident where her husband was almost hit by a car in the parking lot. After much discussion, the Board passed a resolution requesting that the Township Committee be advised of the situation and asking them to investigate the matter further.

Also, the Board members asked that they receive current up-to-date documentation on ADA rules and regulations from the Lakewood Inspection Department.

The minutes of the January, 2007 meeting were approved as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Eagle Ridge: Liaison Charlie Cunliffe advised by Email that he spoke with Jan Kokes who agreed to put one additional handicapped space in the first aisle near the main door, even though they are technically in compliance.

Strand Theatre Audio: Training on the equipment has not yet been completed.

Lakewood Community Center: It is our understanding that work will begin in the spring. Tom Lorenc voiced concern that only the entry way will be renovated. He feels that more work needs to be done to the building.

Builders List: Linda Halm sent a copy of the proposed list to John Franklin and asked him to review it for compliance. His review has not yet been completed. There was discussion regarding the list and the Board members hope to have a completed version ready for submission by our next meeting on April 11th.

There was discussion regarding accessibility issues for new housing being build in the Township. If Federal funds are used in construction, 5% of the buildings must be handicapped accessible. The International Building Code provides for accessibility features in all public housing, however this has not yet been adopted in New Jersey.

NEW BUSINESS:

Larry Lazzaro spoke about the need to get more enforcement of existing ordinances pertaining to blocking handicapped spaces. Many times the spaces are blocked by grocery carriages which people leave in the handicapped spaces. Should business owners be held liable? Tom Barry suggested an "awareness" campaign.

Bill Sette spoke about the need for enforcement or inspection department personnel to be at our meetings for guidance.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2007 @ 5:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis L. Stubbs,
Board Secretary