

TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD
ADA COMPLIANCE AND DISABILITIES BOARD
MINUTES
September 10, 2008

A meeting of the ADA Compliance and Disabilities Board was held on September 10, 2008 at the Lehman Center on Airport Road, Lakewood, N. J. with the following persons in attendance: Dr. Scher, Tom Barry, Roz Baer, Mike D'Elia, Linda Halm, Hannah Havens, Chairperson Larry Lazzaro, Committeeman Charles Cunliffe, Liaison, and secretary – Phyllis L. Stubbs. Absent: Bill Sette, Jean Hennon, Tom Lorenc, Mrs. Lorenc. Guests: Brian Flannery and Mike Saccomanno. Chairman Lazzaro called the meeting to order. The minutes of the June 11th meeting were unanimously approved and accepted upon a motion by Roz Baer seconded by Dr. Scher.

Chairman Lazzaro introduced Brian Flannery who came at the Chairman's invitation and Mike Saccomanno of the Lakewood Inspection Department. Mr. Saccomanno reported that he checked the new construction, i.e. the Hilton Hotel, Ruby Tuesdays, Starbucks, and Long Horn's. Everything seems to be in order. There was discussion about a curb cut at Ruby Tuesdays. Mr. Saccomanno will check it out again. He also agreed to check the handicapped spaces at the Nexus Building on Route 9.

The Board discussed the possibility of receiving copies of site plans prior to construction. Mr. Saccomanno said that he has been requesting this for a while and has had no response. Committeeman Cunliffe will speak with the Township Committee about getting the plans to Mr. Saccomanno prior to Planning Board approval. Mr. Flannery said that it is much easier to get a builder to include items in the pre construction stage as opposed to change what has already been approved and/or in place. Mike Saccomanno reminded everyone that as far as handicapped parking spots go, the closest spot may not necessarily be the best spot. Everything needs to be taken into consideration.

The Advocacy Committee reported that they met and as a pro-active measure they recommend taking a census for evacuation purposes to see how many people are physically or mentally challenged. Hannah Havens said that information may be available through the United States Census. Mike D'Elia said that Emergency Management has two reports which are continually updated. One is provided by JCP&L and the County has sent forms to be completed by people who may require such service. The problem has been that people seem hesitant to complete the forms. They feel that it is an intrusion to their privacy. There was discussion about how people could be convinced to complete the forms in case of emergency.

With regard to Accessibility, it was agreed that a presentation will be made at a Township Committee meeting with regards to making ADA accessibility a priority.

As the request of Tom Lorenc, the "Spirit Award" was discussed. After some discussion, a motion was made to give a "Spirit Award" to Charlie Brown's Restaurant on Route 70 for complying with the request of the Board with regard to upgrading it's driveway and parking spaces. Vote: One Opposed (Mrs. Halm). The motion passed.

It was agreed that a memo will be sent to the Municipal Manager requesting \$2,000.00 for the 2009 budget year.

There was discussion about the possibility of creating a gym for the challenged. Tom Barry will get in touch with PAL and/or Tom Ross of the Community Center to discuss the possibility. He also will contact Ervin Oross about funding.

It was agreed that our next meeting will be held on November 5, 2008 at 5:30 at the Lehman Center.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis L. Stubbs,
Board Secretary