

**LAKWOOD ADA COMPLIANCE AND DISABILITIES BOARD
MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 2006**

A meeting of the ADA Compliance and Disabilities Board was held on October 11, 2006 at the Lehman School and Technical Education Center on Airport Road in Lakewood, with the following persons in attendance:

Tom Barry, Phil Charrow, Tom Lorenc, Roz Baer, Hannah Havens, Bill Sette,
Linda Halm, Chairperson, and secretary – Phyllis L. Stubbs.

Guests: Mrs. Charrow, Linda Stubbs.

Mrs. Halm called the meeting to order. The minutes of the September meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

Mrs. Halm said that there is nothing to report with regard to handicapped parking facilities at Eagle Ridge. She advised that she did ride by the facility and saw a construction trailer parked in one of the handicapped spots. There was discussion about the facility and what could be done to make it more accessible. However, since the facility is technically in compliance, they could not be compelled to make changes. We have received no word about the letter which was drafted to be sent to Eagle Ridge management in regard to making handicapped parking more accessible.

There was discussion about ideas for new construction. Tom Barry suggested that an Occupational Therapist attend Planning Board Hearings regarding new construction of public facilities. An Occupational Therapist is trained to deal with the everyday problems handicapped individuals encounter, and he or she could make relevant suggestions which could be implemented at little or no additional cost prior to the completion of a building.

Bill Sette said that the ADA Board should be notified when public buildings are being submitted to the Planning Board for approval. Tom Lorenc advised that he speaks with Kevin Kiert in this regard to assess what is happening. Also, the Planning Board agendas are on the Township Website and the meetings are open.

Mrs. Halm read suggestions compiled by Roz Baer and Phil Charrow regarding new construction. After some discussion, it was agreed that the board will put together a compendium of suggestions to be included with the packet given to contractors of public facilities. Bill Sette suggested that we ask an Occupational Therapist to help with the final submission by reviewing the regulations, our suggestions and compiling a list recommendations. Tom Barry will ask an Occupational Therapist he knows to help us.

With regard to the audio description system, Mrs. Halm reported that it was not entirely in place for "The Full Monty", however it is now in place.

The Lakewood Community Center was discussed. Voting has been moved to the John J. Franklin Public Works facility, so no voting will take place at the Community Center. However, the Board member feel that since the Community Center is a public building, it should be handicapped

accessible. To that end, the Board unanimously agreed that the Chairman will contact Mr. Oross regarding the possibility of obtaining CDBG funds to use for refurbishing the building to make it more accessible.

The secretary advised that she spoke with Mike D'Elia who said that he would agree to be appointed to the Board after the first of the year.

Tom Barry announced that he is hoping to open a fitness center for the physically challenged. The Board was very enthusiastic about the endeavor as there is a real need for such a facility.

It was agreed that our November meeting will be canceled. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2006 at 5:30 pm at the Lehman Center.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis L. Stubbs,
Board Secretary