

**TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD
ADA COMPLIANCE AND DISABILITIES BOARD
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 5, 2008**

A meeting of the ADA Compliance and Disabilities Board was held on November 5, 2008 at the Lehman School and Technical Education Center on Airport Road in Lakewood, with the following persons in attendance: Tom Barry, Michael D'Elia, Jean Hennon, Roz Baer, Dr. Steven Scher, Linda Halm, Larry Lazzaro Chairperson, and secretary – Phyllis L. Stubbs.

Mr. Lazzaro called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as submitted. The secretary announced that she had heard from Tom Lorenc that his son Joseph is ill and in need of blood transfusions. A blood drive will be held for him. Mrs. Hennon asked that the secretary send the information to her via Email and she will post it at work.

Chairman Lazzaro reported that there is no new information on the Nexxus building. Mr. Saccomano has not gotten back to us yet with his findings.

The Chairman also said that with regard to new construction, Committeeman Cunliffe has agreed to work on having Mr. Saccomano receive the plans prior to approvals. We have had no word yet and the issue will remain on the agenda until it is resolved.

There was discussion about a list of recommendations to be made to the Township Committee after the first of the year. Chairman Lazzaro asked the Board members to think about recommendations that can be forwarded to the Township Committee or brought before the Township Committee at a presentation in the hopes that the Township Committee will make ADA a priority. He suggested items such as enforcement of existing ordinances, i.e. handicapped parking, shopping carts left in handicapped parking spaces and vehicles with no placards that park in handicapped spaces. Mike D'Elia suggested that maybe a sign should be put up in parking lots asking people to be sure that they don't leave carts in handicapped spaces. There was quite a lengthy discussion and it was agreed, at the suggestion of Mike D'Elia, to bring the matter up after the first of the year when our new Liaison is at the meeting.

Tom Barry spoke about the possibility of building a gym for the handicapped. He will contact Tom Ross and kick the idea around with him. It was also suggested that he contact Irvin Oross at the municipal building about funding (grants).

Mike D'Elia made a motion seconded by Jean Hennon that Charlie Cunliffe be asked whether he would want to be appointed to this Board and if so that the recommendation be made to the Township Committee. It passed unanimously.

Dr. Scher suggested that it be a requirement by the Planning Board that handicapped access (rolling showers) be included in new construction of hotels, motels and other public facilities which have showers.

We discussed the possibility of having monthly meetings again. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2009.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis L. Stubbs,
Board Secretary