

**TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD
ADA COMPLIANCE AND DISABILITIES BOARD
MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2007**

A meeting of the ADA Compliance and Disabilities Board was held on January 10, 2007 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, Dr. Steven Scher, Hannah Havens, Linda Halm, Chairperson, and secretary – Phyllis L. Stubbs. Guests: Mrs. Charrow, Janet Scher. Absent: Michael D’Elia, Shimon Eider, John Franklin, Larry Lazzaro, Sheila Nagelberg, William Sette, and Gary Stiegler.

Mrs. Halm called the meeting to order. Nominations were taken for the office of Chair for the year 2007. Steve Scher nominated Linda Halm and Phil Charrow seconded the nomination. Vote: Unanimous. Thereafter, Steve Scher was unanimously elected Deputy Chairman.

The minutes of the October minutes were approved as submitted.

Mrs. Halm asked that the minutes of the meeting include the names of those who are absent. Also, she requested that any member who cannot attend a scheduled meeting advise either her or Board Secretary Phyllis Stubbs (732) 364-2500 ext. 5251).

OLD BUSINESS:

The compilation of suggestions for builders was discussed (see attached draft). The members are hoping that the recommendations when finalized can be distributed to builders and contractors along with the applications for construction or renovation, and possibly be available on the Township’s web site. It was agreed that we will ask the Construction Official to attend our next meeting in order to discuss these recommendations.

Eagle Ridge: There was discussion of handicap access problems at Eagle Ridge. Although they may be in compliance with the letter of the law, parking and access does pose a problem for the physically challenged. Mrs. Scher gave the Board some background information on the issue. She stated that Eagle Ridge was supposed to have a handicapped ramp. The ramp was not built and they were issued a temporary Certificate of Occupancy. However, they have built a loading dock where the ramp was supposed to be located. With regard to the parking spaces, Mrs. Scher said that there are parking spaces which could be designated for handicapped purposes, instead of the ones which have been designated and are not convenient for handicapped people. Mrs. Scher has met with the owners of Eagle Ridge to no avail. Mr. Cunliffe said that he will speak with Mr. Jan Kokes to see what, if anything, Eagle Ridge would be willing to do.

New Construction: Tom Lorenc spoke about proposed renovations to the Lakewood Community Center. He would like the list of recommendations to be given to the people who will be doing the renovations at that location. Mrs. Halm said that she spoke with John Franklin about handicapped accessibility at the Community Center. He told her that renovations will be made and that the door is going to be changed. It was suggested that

we ask Mr. Franklin to attend our next meeting to discuss the proposed renovations to the Community Center.

Mr. Lorenc also spoke about the low income housing project which is scheduled for ground breaking in the spring of this year.

Audio Description – Strand Theatre: Ms. Halm reported that the system was used once, however not enough people attended to warrant the \$600.00 expenditure for personnel. The Strand is hoping to train someone in house for this purpose.

Comments: Janet Scher suggested that this Board should have access to a legal expert to review our recommendations.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2007 @ 5:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis L. Stubbs,
Board Secretary