

**TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD
ADA COMPLIANCE AND DISABILITIES BOARD
MINUTES
MARCH 29, 2006**

A meeting of the ADA Compliance and Disabilities Board was held on March 29, 2006 at the Lehman School and Technical Education Center on Airport Road in Lakewood, with the following persons in attendance:

Tom Barry, Phil Charrow, Dr. Stephen Scher (Deputy Chair), Tom Lorenc, Rosalyn Baer, Sheila Nagelberg, Linda Halm -Chairperson, and secretary- Phyllis L. Stubbs.

Guests: Dorothy Charrow.

Absent: John Franklin, Hannah Havens, Isser Kotler and William Sette.

Mrs. Halm called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm. and asked approval of the minutes from our February meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Halm advised the Board that she spoke with Sheldon Wolpin of the Heritage Board and he informed her that a "state of the art" lift has been installed in the museum which makes it accessible to all. The museum is open (so long as school is open) Tuesday and Thursday from 2pm to 5pm and Sundays from 2pm to 4pm.

With regard to Eagle Ridge, Mrs. Halm inspected the site as did John Franklin. There are no violations of the ADA regulations. The provisions for the handicapped meet the letter of the law and the owners will not do any more. There was discussion about the situation. The Board members felt that although the facility may be accessible within the letter of the law, as a practical matter handicapped and disabled people will find it difficult to access. It was finally agreed that Phil Charrow will draft a letter to the owners of Eagle Ridge stating the Board's concerns and disappointment and bring the letter to our next meeting for approval.

Tom Lorenc reported that he spoke with Kevin Kielt of the Lakewood Planning Board regarding review of applications for new construction for handicapped accessibility. Mr. Kielt referred him to the website for the Planning Board Agendas. Tom saw that application is being made for a 4 story retail and office building to be construction on Clifton Avenue and First Street. He will contact Kevin Kielt for more information and report back to the Board. There was general discussion pertaining to handicapped accessibility in new construction. Tom Lorenc proposed that this Board could act as a "sounding board" for contractors, planners and owners involved with new construction. It is his idea that members of this Board could assist in providing practical information to these individuals. Tom Barry will contact Paddock Construction in this regard (they do much of the work in his facility) and ask either Jay or Glenn to come to one of our meetings in order to provide insight to the Board members regarding handicapped accessibility from the construction point of view.

Linda Halm reported that she has no update on the audio at the Lakewood Strand. They have applied for and received a grant, however she does not believe that the installation has been completed as yet. There was discussion about the Lakewood Community Center. Tom Lorenc feels that it must be improved if it will continue to be used for voting purposes. Additional accommodation to the Center is needed, as well as lighting in the parking area. He advised that he sent his recommendations to the Township Clerk, Bernadette Standowski. It was agreed that further discussion on this matter will be tabled until the next meeting so that the conditions could be discussed with the Board's liaison.

Disaster preparedness was discussed. Tom Lorenc suggested that a voluntary roster of disabled and handicapped people be compiled. Mr. Charrow's Board at Four Seasons is in the process of doing this and the information will be forwarded to Mike D'Elia. Mr. Charrow feels that each senior community should be asked to compile the information and supply it to the appropriate Township officials.

NEW BUSINESS:

The schedule of meetings was discussed. The Board members feel there should be monthly meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. There will be no meeting in July or August. (A schedule of meeting dates is attached hereto).

Dr. Scher brought up his concerns regarding the fact that many buildings in town have Hebrew or Spanish lettering only. He feels that this could present a problem locating a building in case of an emergency, and therefore lettering should also be in English. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis L. Stubbs