

**LAKWOOD ADA COMPLIANCE AND DISABILITIES BOARD
MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2007**

A meeting of the ADA Compliance and Disabilities Board was held on April 11, 2007 at the Lehman School and Technical Education Center on Airport Road in Lakewood, with the following persons in attendance:

Tom Barry, Tom Lorenc, Roz Baer, Michael D'Elia, Jean Hennon, Hannah Havens, Linda Halm, Chairperson, Charlie Cunliffe, Township Committee Liaison, and secretary – Phyllis L. Stubbs.

Guests: Mike Saccomanno – Lakewood Inspection Department, Felicia Tirelli-Minor.

Absent: John Franklin, Sheila Nagelberg, Larry Lazarro, Dr. Steven Scher, Phil Charrow.

Mrs. Halm called the meeting to order and the secretary distributed a letter which was sent to Charlie Brown's from Ed Mack – Construction Official regarding the parking situation at the premises (see attached). Mrs. Tirelli-Minor, at the request of Chairperson Halm, summarized her complaint about the handicapped parking at Charlie Brown's Restaurant on Route 70. She brought copies of letters which she wrote to various government officials regarding the situation (see attached). The Board members discussed the dangers faced by handicapped individuals in that parking lot and also discussed what measures could be taken to make the parking lot safer.

Mike Saccomanno from the Lakewood Inspection Department spoke to the Board and answered questions. Mr. Saccomanno said that this restaurant does not fall under the new construction code or the rehabilitation code (which would require that at least 20% of funds be used for handicapped accessibility) and therefore is in "limbo" regarding the construction laws. However, he suggested that the corporate office be contacted. It is his experience that corporate offices tend to be responsive to the needs of their clientele. Since so many of this restaurant's customers are senior citizens who may or may not also be handicapped, it would make good business sense for them to accommodate the needs of these customers. There was further discussion of New Jersey and Federal laws regarding handicapped accessibility. Mrs. Tirelli-Minor had a booklet from the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Assn. which indicated that the parking lot is not in compliance with public law. Mr. Saccomanno said that they may be in compliance with building codes and not in compliance with other laws. Then it becomes a matter of enforcement. The Construction Department can not enforce laws other than building codes.

It was agreed that Mr. Cunliffe will ask the Township Committee to have a letter go to Charlie Brown's Corporate offices regarding the parking situation in question.

We then discussed Eagle Ridge. If the public law to which Mrs. Tirelli-Minor refers is actually in place, then Eagle Ridge is also in violation. Therefore, it was also agreed that Mr. Cunliffe will ask the Township Committee to have Township Attorney Secare research the law and the enforcement options.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Center:

Mrs. Halm reported that she spoke with John Franklin regarding the Community Center. She was advised that the entire building is to be revamped through a grant by CDBG. No timetable was given, however Mr. Lorenc asked that the Board be permitted to meet with the architects and have some input in the design as it relates to handicapped accessibility.

Builders List:

Mr. Saccomanno advised that he will contact the State to get permission to distribute the list with the contractor's package. We cannot distribute anything without State approval. The issue of shopping carts in handicapped spaces was discussed. It was suggested that an "awareness campaign" be undertaken.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2007 @ 5:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis L. Stubbs,
Board Secretary