

**LAKWOOD ADA COMPLIANCE AND DISABILITIES BOARD
MINUTES
JUNE 11, 2008**

A meeting of the ADA Compliance and Disabilities Board was held on June 11, 2008 at the Lehman School and Technical Education Center on Airport Road in Lakewood, with the following persons in attendance:

Tom Barry, Tom Lorenc, Joan Lorenc, Rosalyn Baer, Michael D'Elia, Larry Lazzaro - Chairperson, and secretary – Phyllis L. Stubbs.

Absent: Hindy Langer, John Franklin, Bill Sette, Jean Hennon, Dr. Scher and Hannah Havens.

Guest: Marge Detjen.

Chairman Lazzaro called the meeting to order and since there were no minutes for the previous meeting, he asked the secretary to read from her notes in order to refresh everyone's memory.

Under "Old Business" the possibility of having one of the Township planners attend future meetings was discussed. Also discussed was the matter of recommending to the Township Committee that handicapped accessibility be made a priority. It was agreed that the subcommittee which was formed last month will research how neighboring townships are meeting this challenge. It was agreed that the matter will be researched and a presentation will be made to the Township Committee.

It was agreed that the secretary will send a memo to the Township Manager requesting that Mike Saccomanno or Ed Mack attend our next meeting to discuss provisions for the handicapped at the following new or anticipated construction:

Ruby Tuesdays, Starbucks, Longhorns and the Hilton Gardens

Tom Barry mentioned that he visited Longhorn's and found everything in order with the exception of the placing of a van space sign. He also looked at Ruby Tuesdays – they have two handicapped parking spots in the front and two on the side. However, they appear to be narrow and the curb cut seems steep. The Committee discussed the fact that this may be in compliance with ADA rules, however it may make no sense from a practical perspective.

Mr. D'Elia said that there always seems to be a "loophole". It may be advisable for the Chair and one other person to review and approve building plans prior to final approval by the Planning Board. After much discussion, a motion was made by Tom Lorenc and seconded by Michael D'Elia, that pending approval by our liaison, Charles Cunliffe, a letter be sent to the Manager asking that the ADA Board receive new construction plans for review prior to obtaining final Planning Board approval.

It was agreed that our next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, September 10, 2008.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis L. Stubbs, Board Secretary