

**TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD  
ADA COMPLIANCE AND DISABILITIES BOARD  
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 13, 2006**

A meeting of the ADA Compliance and Disabilities Board was held on September 13, 2006 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, Bill Sette, Linda Halm, Chairperson, and secretary – Phyllis L. Stubbs.

Guests: Mrs. Charrow, Linda Stubbs.

Mrs. Halm called the meeting to order. The minutes of the June meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

The first item on the agenda was the handicapped parking facilities at Eagle Ridge. Although they are technically in compliance with the law, handicapped parking is difficult at the facility. A letter was drafted to be sent to Eagle Ridge management, however no approval has been received as yet from the Township Committee. Tom Barry will speak with some of his contacts who recently attended a function at Eagle Ridge and report on their impressions of the handicapped parking facilities.

Linda Halm reported that she received a call from the Strand Theatre regarding the audio description system for the sight impaired. It is anticipated that the system will be in place for "The Full Monty". Mrs. Halm said that she asked whether a price reduction was available for people who accompany handicapped individuals. She has heard nothing as yet. Phil Charrow reported that he saw a play at Ocean County College several months ago and they had a "signer" for each role.

Mrs. Halm also reported that there is nothing new regarding recreational facilities for the disabled.

Handicapped accessibility at the Lakewood Community Center was discussed. It is the feeling of the Board that since this is a public building it should be accessible, particularly since it is being used as a polling place for three districts. Tom Lorenc said that in his opinion very little needed to be done to make the facility minimally accessible, i.e. properly marked and placed signage, and properly marked and placed handicapped parking spaces. Mrs. Havens suggested that anyone with a problem should request an absentee ballot. However, she agrees that as a public building, it should be accessible to all. Mrs. Havens further suggested the possibility that CDBG funds could be appropriated and used for this purpose. Mrs. Halm will send a letter to the Township Committee in this regard.

The Board members spoke about the reverse 911 system. They hope to have an update on the progress.

Tom Lorenc reported that he checked with Kevin Kiert regarding new construction. The hotel is in the works, as is an office complex and several retail stores. He spoke about making builders aware of the accessibility issues which confront the handicapped. There was some discussion and it was agreed that a list of "Points for Consideration" would be created. This list could be put on the website and handed out to all builders applying for permits. It was agreed that the Board members would bring their ideas to the October 11, 2006 meeting so that the list could be compiled.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis L. Stubbs,  
Board Secretary