

Did You Know....

According to the Surgeon General:

About one in every five people in the United States has a disability. Some people are born with a disability, some get sick or have an accident that results in a disability. Some people develop disabilities as they age. Almost all of us will have a disability at some point in our lives.

The Middletown Township Disabled Persons' Advisory Board is working for you!

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About Disabilities:

Disabilities make it harder to take part in normal, everyday activities, something the general public takes for granted. Disabilities limit what people can do physically or mentally, or they can affect the senses. Disability doesn't mean unable, and it isn't a sickness. Most people with disabilities work, play, learn, and live full, healthy lives. Accessibility, mobility aids and assistive devices can make all the difference in the lives of people with disabilities, whether they are temporary or permanent.

Who We Are:

The Disabled Persons' Advisory Board (DPAB) was established by the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors in January 2000. The DPAB is comprised of seven members that are appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve 2-year terms. Meetings are held at the Municipal Center, 3 Municipal Way, Langhorne on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. Some current DPAB members have a close affiliation with the disabled or have some form of disability themselves.

DPAB Mission Statement:

The goal of the Middletown Township Disabled Persons' Advisory Board is to educate the public with respect to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); sensitize the community as to the needs of persons with disabilities; and make recommendations to the Township Manager and the Board of Supervisors in regard to accessibility issues throughout the Township.

DPAB Tasks:

- Review Land Development plans for commercial properties to assure compliance with ADA guidelines.
- Assist the public with accessibility concerns and issues.
- Maintain a working relationship with The Center for Independent Living of Bucks County.

Accomplishments:

- Worked to increase the number of accessible parking spaces within the Township.
- Worked with the Parks & Recreation Dept. on increasing access to ball fields and parks.
- Worked with the Public Works Dept. on the importance of snow removal at crosswalks to make them accessible after a snowfall.
- Assisted in the acquisition of a listening system for the hearing impaired for the Public Hall in the Municipal Center.

Future Goals:

- Assure the proper use and placement of handicap parking signs throughout the Township
- Work to encourage accessible, safe on-call transportation for the disabled community.
- Continue to monitor building plans for ADA compliance.
- Work to educate gas station owners on providing accessibility and refueling services for disabled persons.
- Network and reach out to the community by attendance and participation at public events.

Get Involved!

The DPAB needs your help in its quest to insure the provision of equal access to all members of our community. Bring your concerns and questions to a meeting on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The Municipal Center is accessible to persons with disabilities. If you can't attend a meeting, please send your questions to: Middletown Township, Attn: Disabled Persons' Advisory Board, 3 Municipal Way, Langhorne, PA 19047.

Persons interested in serving on the board are encouraged to apply. Call 215-750-3800, ext. 141 to have an application faxed or mailed.

Your participation can make a difference!