

## **Environmental Advisory Council**

### **December 11, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

The December 11, 2012 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council was called to order by Chair Cathy Magliocchetti at 8:00 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Environmental Advisory Council: Chair Cathy Magliocchetti, Vice-Chair Paul Greger, Member Ed Ford, Member Bob Needle, Member Keith Miller, Member Lorraine Muth, Member Phil Sandine, and Dave Kuhns, Planning & Zoning Department. Jeremiah Bergstrom, Cleer Environments, LLC, Members of the Public were present.

#### **Public Comment:**

Ms. Magliocchetti asked public comment be presented under Discussion Item when appropriate.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

September 11, 2012 meeting minutes were approved.

#### **Discussion Items**

##### **A. Riparian Grant Process.**

For the benefit of public present, Ms. Magliocchetti presented a history of the Riparian Grant Fund, its use, focus and goal. It is in the opinion of the EAC the application process is cumbersome and repairing one scattered property at a time is relatively ineffective for the Township overall.

The EAC intends to make a formal recommendation to the Board of Supervisors altering the Riparian Grant Fund with the following:

- \$300,000 (or 10% of the entire \$3M Riparian Grant Fund) Request Riparian Fund money go towards a comprehensive Wastershed Study. Cleer Environments, LLC correspondence is attached.
- Develop a “tree grant” program where residents can use grant money to plant trees in the Riparian corridors.
- Perform paper audits on the fiver projects completed to date as a matter of good bookkeeping and due diligence.
- Create a public information message to encourage residence to participate in the program.

The EAC also discussed creating a list of qualified contractors to perform restorations in the Township.

##### **B. Recycling with Marc Zaharchuk-moved to next meeting.**

#### **Liaison Report**

A. Planning & Zoning: Dave Kuhns- First LEEDS Certified Platinum home has been constructed in Upper Makefield Township.

#### **Adjournment:**

A motion was made and was seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Next meeting – Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 8:00 p.m.

*Approved at the February 5, 2013 EAC meeting.*