

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
PIPELINE TASK FORCE MEETING  
1580 PAOLI PIKE  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2018  
FINAL MINUTES**

**Present:** Members: Judi DiFonzo, Caroline Hughes, Russ Frank, Karen Miller, Bill Wegemann; David Shuey, Liaison and Township Supervisor; Rick Smith, Township Manager

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

David called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. David is serving as the facilitator of the Pipeline meetings until a chairperson/vice chairperson is elected.

**Moment of Silence**

David called for a moment of silence.

**Recording**

None.

**Approval of Minutes**

Judi made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2018 meeting as submitted. Karen seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**Chairman's Report**

None.

**Old Business**

**Select Meeting Dates:** Gerald Sexton, 1612 Bow Tree Drive, stated that no task force meetings are scheduled past 12/20/18. After discussion about future meeting dates, it was determined that all Thursdays (except for 1<sup>st</sup> of month) and the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays are best. Caroline stated she will send out a google poll to see what dates/times will work best for all. It was agreed that the task force will meet 2 times a month at first and then meet once a month subsequently.

**Prioritize May 16, 2018 Actions Summary**

Rick suggested that the task force set prioritize (high, medium, low) to the actions in order to determine what tasks to focus on. Russ questioned if the items are still relevant since they are from May.

Rick explained that Sunoco is reevaluating all the HDD sites. If Sunoco would choose to do open cut for Mariner 2 and 2X, they would need new permits from PA DEP and PennDOT. Rick stated that Sunoco is almost ready to place the 12 inch pipe in service.

## 1. Resident Preparedness and Communication

- *Improve public communication regarding pipeline issues and activity*  
The task force agreed that this is a HIGH priority. There was discussion that it is important that residents receive accurate information on the pipeline activities and status. E.g., Sunoco's 20 inch pipe is 100% installed and 99% tested. Actually, only approximately 10% of the 20 and 16 inch pipe is installed in East Goshen and nothing yet in West Goshen and Westtown.

Bill asked if Rick had a contact that provided updated pipeline information. Rick stated that his knowledge is acquired from reading articles and information posted on the appropriate websites.

Rick suggested that the task force can improve public awareness via:

- Constant Contact – Not all residents sign up for this and not all that are signed up are residents
- Website – Not all residents have internet access
- Newsletter – History shows that people do read the newsletter. However, information is at least 6 weeks behind.
- Mailings – Effective but costly

There was discussion about calling 811 and the process behind it.

- *Facilitate or join a "community advocacy network "*  
The task force agreed this is a LOW priority. Members of task force are involved in community advocacy.
- *Examine the impact of pipeline construction on property values.*  
The task force agreed this is a LOW priority. David stated that this is a topic that continually is asked by residents. To date, there is no evidence that statistically supports this statement.

## 2. Pipeline Monitoring

- *Conduct air quality monitoring at valve locations*  
The task force agreed that this is a HIGH priority. Rick explained that Sunoco has not proposed a valve in East Goshen for Mariner 2. There are 3 existing valves in East Goshen; Buckeye, Adelphia and Transcontinental. Rick continued that since these exist on private property, an easement would be needed to install monitoring devices. This would also include obtaining power and Wi-Fi access.

David suggested that Bill Turner, Emergency Services, be invited to the next meeting (12/20/18). Rick will contact Bill and also Kevin Miller, Emergency Management Coordinator in EGT, to attend our next meeting. Caroline will create a Google Doc to collect questions from the task force for Bill and Kevin prior to the meeting.

David stated that Thornbury Township met with the manufacturer of the monitoring equipment. He will reach out to get technical contact information for future reference.

In response to a question Rick explained that the emergency dispatch follows a script in order to determine how to prioritize and disseminate incoming calls. There is a script for pipeline problems.

- *Conduct air quality monitoring at valve locations*  
This was discussed but not ranked.

### 3. Legislation

- *Support State and Federal legislation regarding safety, siting, density, public awareness, etc.*  
The task force agreed this is a HIGH priority. Bill reported about his meetings with Senator Killion, Representative Comitta and Senator Dinniman. All bills that Senator Rafferty worked on need to be reintroduced once the Senate regroup. He was advised to review the Rafferty bills and list which are important. It was noted that Sunoco will be grandfathered with any new legislation introduced.
- *Advocate that the State revoke 102 and 105 permits.*  
Caroline stated that this is a HIGH priority; however, it would be difficult to have these revoked since it would have to be done at the Governor level. She also stated that there are sections on these permits that were not complete siting a DEP violation. Rick explained that DEP had to issue these permits if Sunoco met the technical requirements.

### 4. PUC Regulatory Issues

- *Explore the valve location issue for safety considerations*  
This was discussed but not ranked. Gerald Sexton stated that there is a balanced risk of having more valves installed and the amount of material flowing through and between them. He asked that if there is a breach, is the material removed or is it burned off. David explained that both valves would not be closed and the unignited material will be push forward. Gerald stated that if the breach is large, this approach will not help. Gerald questioned are there enough existing valves and is it safer to not add additional valves? The task force agreed that they need to consult someone with expertise.
- *File an EGT complaint with the PUC similar to that filed by West Whiteland Township*  
This was discussed but not ranked.

Caroline explained that she will be attending a PUC Hearing in Harrisburg on Thursday (11/29) and Friday (11/30). She and 6 other community members

have filed a Petition for Emergency Relief. Rick stated that the Board could be asked to file for a Petition to Intervene with the complaint.

**New Business**

Rick stated that the following 3 items are areas that the task force could investigate and make recommendations.

- a. Consider recommendation for an addition valve
- b. Consider recommendation regarding the IMP.
- c. Consider recommendation on confidential information.

It was agreed that these 3 items would be tabled until next meeting.

**Public Comment**

No additional comments.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

The next meeting is Thursday, December 20, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan D'Amore*