

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
PIPELINE TASK FORCE WORKSHOP MEETING  
1580 PAOLI PIKE  
THURSDAY, February 28, 2019  
FINAL MINUTES**

**Present:** Chair Caroline Hughes; Vice Chair Bill Wegemann; Members: Judi DiFonzo, Russ Frank, Karen Miller, Christina Morley, Gerald Sexton; David Shuey (Liaison, Township Supervisor); Marty Shane (Township Supervisor), Township Manager Rick Smith

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Caroline called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

**Moment of Silence**

Caroline called for a moment of silence to honor our first responders and troops.

**Recording**

Caroline asked if anyone was recording the meeting. No one was recording.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were approved as amended.

Caroline opened the meeting welcoming the 2 new members, Christina and Gerald, and all in attendance introduced themselves.

**Reports**

1. Legislative Updates and Reports

- a. PUC Intervention - Caroline explained that the West Chester Area School District and Chester County are petitioning to intervene in the Flynn litigation. She thanked East Goshen Township (EGT) for their support with this petition and for the comments regarding the Environmental Impact Statement that were submitted to FERC by EGT.

Caroline also reported that Sunoco is challenging the East Goshen petition intervention. Judge Barnes can reject or approve. East Goshen will wait to file an appeal. Caroline and Christina stated that they think Judge Barnes will reject the challenge. Rick ask Caroline when will the hearing take place. Caroline stated that nothing is definite yet, but probably in a few months. Russ asked if these interventions will delay the Pipeline installation. Caroline said that it will not cause a delay; it is still moving forward. She continued that the more interventions, the more powerful the case becomes. Currently there are 7 Townships, 4 School Districts, 2 County Governments and 1 HOA that have filed.

- b. Russ asked Rick if there was any advancement update with Chester County DA Hogan regarding easements. Rick stated they are still collecting data. It was reported that the Chester County Commission is pulling their temporary easements that were granted to Sunoco. The Hankin group has a civil claim against Sunoco regarding their temporary easements. Rick stated that Sunoco has only one permanent easement in East Goshen in Marydell. All other easements in the Township are on private property. Residents with easement agreements with Sunoco would need legal counsel if wishing to terminate.
  - c. Caroline discussed a filing that was in the Commonwealth court stating the PUC strongly confirmed the catastrophic public safety risk of the pipeline. Caroline will send a copy of the brief to the group.
  - d. David reported that there was a meeting held by representatives from Sunoco for the professional public on 2/22/19. Anyone currently involved in litigation was not invited to attend. It was reported that Sunoco said at the meeting that they promise to do better in the future. Emergency Services (ES) was in attendance. Sunoco was told about the specifics ES has requested from them and still has not received. David will provide a list of Sunoco reps that attended the meeting.
  - e. Bill reported Senator Dinniman and Representative Otten are calling for a Bipartisan Pipeline Safety Caucus to push the bills forward.
  - f. Bill reported that a rally in Harrisburg is scheduled. The Safety Over Sunoco (SOS) Rally will be held on 3/19/19 at 10 am on the Capitol steps in Harrisburg. Bill stated that Representative Comitta agreed to meet with him and Ron Cocco. Caroline and Bill asked taskforce (TF) members to attend and ask other residents to attend if possible.
  - g. Bill discussed a pipeline overlay map. He stated that this is a good tool and will send out to the TF.
2. Current Events Impacting EG
- a. Russ asked Rick about what drilling Sunoco has remaining to complete. Rick stated that Sunoco still needs to drill from the Firehouse – Wellington, Giant to Quaker on Boot Road, New Kent to the Executive Center, Bow Tree to Matlack and Matlack to Saints Simon and Jude Church (SSJ). Eric Friedman, 2 Fallowbrook Lane, Glenn Mills, Rep from Andover HOA, stated that the open cut drilling from SSJ to Andover will take 444 days. Sunoco has installed new Curtains for noise and visuals throughout. Eric suggested that there is an app, Decibel X, for \$5 that measures the noise level decibels. Russ questioned if the app would have an accurate reading.
  - b. Gerald stated that the new walls installed on Bow Tree and Route 352 are obstructing the view to drivers especially when making a left hand turn. Rick explained that these walls were installed in compliance to PennDOT regulations. PennDOT has agreed to paint dashed lines and arrows to help with traffic flow. Christina stated that trucks should not be allowed to park between the walls and the street to create further visual

obstruction. She also suggested a note be put in the newsletter regarding the extra barriers for all drivers to adhere to traffic rules.

- c. Bill asked Rick if there will be open cut in EG. Rick stated that Sunoco will continue with HDD. Rick stated that Sunoco was conducting seismic testing and logging geo samples near the SSJ. Work should start within 2 - 3 weeks. Sunoco is using a new company that should do better than the previous one.
3. Enterprise Update
    - a. Rick explained that there is not an Enterprise pipeline in EG. It is in West Goshen. He also stated that there is nothing regarding the transporting of product in this pipeline.
    - b. There was discussion about the Texas Eastern Pipeline. Bill stated that he heard Texas is looking to come into play. Supposedly, this project is to install a 24 inch pipe. Rick stated that he is not aware of that and will look into it. If this is true, this would affect East Goshen.

### **Old business**

1. Caroline stated that FERC reopened the comment period to March 1, 2019.
2. Gerald wanted to note that we should be prepared when a blowdown happens. He stated that he watched a video of a blowdown. The sound that is emitted is like a jet engine and the large plume comes out of the area. David stated that this is the type of item that would fall into the communication to residents – Item #9 in the TF Actions Summary List.

### **New Business**

1. David referred to Item #11 on the TF Actions Summary List regarding Killian and Dinniman Pipeline Bills. He stated that the TF needs to discuss a letter of support for the bills. He continued to refer to Bill #262 Section F2 where it states that the commission must find and determine if the proposed pipeline will not create an unreasonable risk of danger. David questioned who determines this and if there a formula for how many pipelines per population density.
2. David then referred to Bill # 258. He stated that there should be a disclosure about High Consequence areas.
3. Rick suggested to that the TF compose letter to the Board of Supervisors encouraging them to support the bills. The TF needs to review the bills and can add to it. Caroline stated that she can send to Don V. and see which bills are the most impactful. The letters would be sent to Rep. Killion and cc'd Rep. Comitta.
4. Caroline stated that there is a push to reintroduce Bill #652 (old number; TF did not know new Bill #. This bill would make protesting any pipelines a felony charge.
5. David proposed to keep these 3 on the agenda in addition to Legislative Updates:
  - a. Emergency notification issue
  - b. Effective evacuation and how to communicate
  - c. Communication with residents

6. Russ asked if EG has restrictions on what they can suggest to residents regarding easements. Rick stated that the Township could instruct residents to read their temporary easements and consult with solicitors.
7. Judi asked if the TF should have a presence at EG park events; e.g. a booth? Pamphlets/brochures would be needed.
8. There was discussion that the TF can provide a fact-based article for the newsletter. The next newsletter deadline is May 1, 2019. Christiania expressed concerned over the West Chester Area School's District Emergency Plan for Pipeline accidents. She stated that this is in opposition of others. There are no proposed routes, or placed to congregate listed. Rick stated that we do not control the school district's planning. Bill suggested TF could review and send a letter.
9. David stated that he had a problem with Bill #260 which states that within 6 months of project completion an emergency plan for schools be identified.
10. It was discussed that the article for the newsletter could include information about home evacuation.
11. Bill explained that in response to his air quality concerns with the upcoming HDD drilling he discussed at previous meetings, he sent a certified letter to Paul Metro, PUC (copying Dinniman Comitta, Killion). He asked for guidance on how he can obtain baseline testing for air quality. He stated that Sunoco uses bentonite and this is a hazardous airborne material. He has not heard anything regarding this letter. Caroline stated that the exact product in use is Bara-Kade. Russ asked if it would be feasible for the Township to conduct the baseline test. The TF would prefer that Sunoco pays for the testing.

### **Action Items for TF**

1. Read the Bills and identify what areas are most impactful and you would like to see included.
2. Think about addressing the Communication Action Items
3. Think about article for Newsletter.
4. Agenda items to Susan before 7:00 am on the Friday prior to the meeting.

### **Public Comment**

None

The next regular meeting is Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 5:00 pm.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Susan D'Amore*

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