

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

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

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Caroline called the meeting to order at 5:00 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.

Reports

1. Legislative Updates and Reports
 - a. Caroline called attention to the news that Sunoco's ME2 permit applications had a discrepancy in the maximum operating pressure. The permit states 1480 psi instead of 2100 psi. Russ pointed out that Sunoco's spokesperson, Lisa Dillinger, confirmed the maximum operating pressure of 2100 psi, but she insisted that is not a change. David stated that the 2100 psi operating pressure now increases the evacuation zone and the EMS needs to be made aware.
 - b. **Safety Over Sunoco (SOS) Rally (3/19/19)** - Caroline reported there were about 100-150 attendees. There were 3 breakout sessions: 1) with the Governor's Office 2) PUC Office and 3) Attorney General's Office. Bill also reported that the speakers were good and that there was a bipartisan representation from representatives and senators.
 - c. Bill and Judi reported they attended the Know Your Rights Meeting held on 3/27/19. Caroline will share with the Task Force (TF) the video from the meeting. The 3 main points for easement owners were: 1) obtain a home inspection, which should be paid for by Sunoco, and owners should not sign a waiver 2) hire legal representation and 3) provide the Chester County DA any supporting information if available. There was continued discussion that the Hankin group in East Goshen, settled their easement dispute. Bow Tree property owners signed easement agreements beginning in 3/2016. Some of these agreements became effective when construction began. How to determine when construction began is uncertain. Caroline will share additional articles.

2. Current Events Impacting EG

- a. Rick stated that Sunoco will begin drilling in West Goshen (Boot and 202), the Quaker Site, Bow Tree to Matlack, and drilling both ways between SS. Simon and Jude and Matlack. Rick stated that drilling can take place between 7 am and 10 pm and that Sunoco has not requested 24 x 7. They normally drill Monday through Saturday. Russ questioned whether the noise level will increase since the equipment being used is now bigger. It was noted that the new barriers seem more substantial.
- b. Russ asked if the pipeline companies notify the Township prior to any work that is done. Rick replied that letters are normally sent out informing of maintenance work; however, there is no requirement for them to do so.

Old Business

- a. Public Communication & Newsletter Article - The TF reviewed the mailings from Energy Transfer Partners and Interstate Energy. The general consensus was that while the mailers were helpful on how to determine a leak, more information still could be provided. Rick explained that the mailings are sent out several times a year to residents that live in close proximity to the pipeline. Christina explained that she compared these flyers to the information that Kinder Morgan sends out. She stated that Kinder Morgan refers to their Integrity Management Program. She continued that Kinder Morgan proudly states that they participate in the Pipeline Safety Management System (SMS) group. The SMS is voluntary participation for pipeline companies. Caroline stated that as the TF advocates for Sunoco to operate safer, the TF could question them about participation in SMS.

Rick asked the TF how they want to communicate these flyers to the residents. It was agreed that these mailing would be put on the Township website's Featured News and a corresponding Constant Contact email will be sent out.

The TF discussed providing a newsletter article. David stated that the article should also introduce the TF and explain their goals. Rick stated that the article should provide an easy-to-read summary about identifying leaks, calling 911 etc. David reiterated that emphasis on what happens before a call is made to 911 is as important as what happens after 911 is called. Caroline will set up a google doc for the newsletter article for the TF to edit, and the article will need to be reviewed at the next meeting for the May 1st deadline.

- b. Air Quality Monitoring – Caroline stated that the Downingtown Area School District is looking at air quality monitoring. It was agreed to table this discussion for a future meeting.
- c. Pipeline Legislation Review – Bill W. provided a worksheet listing all the Bills and their supporting Senator or House Representative. Old Bill #652 has not been issued a new Bill number and has not been reintroduced to date. Bill W. also stated that Don V. informed him that the Bills most likely to pass are: 257,

259, 261, & 262 and the Bills that possibly can pass are: 258 & 260. It was agreed that each member of the Task Force would be assigned bills to track progress and provide comments.

Member	Bill #	Bill#	Bill#	Bill #
Judi	156	242	283	
Russ	187	261	263	282
Caroline	260	492	652	
Karen	257	280		
Christina	40	259		
Gerry	258	264		
Bill	262	281	323	

Bill will add a column for Status. This column will contain one of 4 values:

- *In Committee*
- *Out of Committee*
- *Passed by House*
- *Passed by Senate*

Bill and Christina stated that the next TF meeting on 4/25/19 should be devoted to reviewing these Bills. It was agreed that the bills to be focused on are: 257, 259, 261, 262 and 40. After, the TF can then compose a letter to the Board of Supervisors encouraging them to support the bills.

- d. Pipeline Coating Degradation – Gerry explained that he was researching the materials that are used to coat the existing Sunoco pipeline. There is concern because the pipelines have been exposed in the sun and elements for the last year or so. Melissa DiBernardino, 1602 Old Orchard Lane, stated that the material used is a fusion bonded epoxy (FBE) from Dura-bond Industries. She has filed a complaint with the PUC regarding the pipeline coatings that is currently in discovery. David explained that he was informed by Sunoco workers that the pipes go through an “x-ray” process prior to being buried. If they find a gap in the coating, a field repair takes place. Rick stated that Melissa’s case and the Flynn case are to be put together and the TF can make a recommendation to the BOS regarding this issue. Gerry will research knowing that the material used is an FBE, and Russ will gather information from his contacts. Time will need to be allotted for this at the next meeting.

New Business

- a. Dust Concerns at HDD sites - Bill stated that he was contacted by a DEP rep who told him that DEP does not conduct baseline testing for fugitive dust. Bill continued that the rep does not know who handles fugitive dust complaints. Bill motioned and Caroline seconded the motion to recommend that the Board of Supervisors have Pennoni conduct fugitive dust testing as needed at the HDD sites. Melissa questioned how does anyone know what is contained in the dust. Bill amended his motioned to include testing to determine the composition of

the dust and Caroline agreed to the amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Items for TF

- Newsletter Article
- Bill Review

Public Comment

None

The next regular meeting is Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 5:00 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan D'Amore

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