

**East Goshen Township
Pipeline Task Force
Meeting Agenda**
Thursday, May 23, 2019
5:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Silence
4. Ask if anyone is recording the meeting
5. Approval of Minutes
 - a. April 25, 2019
6. Chairman's Report
7. Reports
 - a. Legislative Update
 - b. Current Pipeline Events Impacting East Goshen
8. Old Business
 - a. Pipeline Coating Degradation
 - b. Review Pipeline legislation - Bills: 40, 257, 259, 261, 262
(Bills distributed last month)
9. New Business
10. Correspondence
 - a. Pipeline Safety Bulletin – 2019
11. Public Comment
12. Adjournment

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**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
PIPELINE TASK FORCE WORKSHOP MEETING
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THURSDAY, April 25, 2019
DRAFT 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, Jon Altshul, Assistant Township Manager and Finance Director

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Caroline called the meeting to order at 5:02 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 with the clarification that the pipeline coating is a fusion bonded epoxy from Dura-bond Industries.

Chairman's Report

- Caroline stated that there is no current movement on Adelpia.
- Bill acknowledged David for raising community awareness to the pipeline.
- Caroline reported that Mariner 1 is operational.
- Caroline reported there was a 12x12x12 sinkhole in Delaware County, along Route 1.
- Caroline reported that the PUC refused Sunoco's request to restart drilling of ME2 near Shoen Rd. This was based on Senator Dinniman's case. Caroline referred the group to the PUC website and video.
- Caroline reported that in Chester County Government news that a formal petition was filed to the Court of Common Pleas and a request to the issuance of a permanent injunction prohibiting Sunoco from construction on ME2. Caroline will send a link to the group.
- Christina explained that she contacted an author who wrote an article published in Bloomburg regarding expanding the pipeline in its current environment. She continued that the author responded that what is happening here locally was not the intention of his article. Bill asked Christina if she could contact him to write an update to his article.
- Caroline updated the group that in Upper Uwchlan Sunoco modified the installation method from HDD to Open Cut for both the 16 inch and 20 inch pipes.

- 1 • There was discussion that it is being proposed that ME2 and 2X be pulled at
2 the same time. There was discussion that Sunoco may request 24 x 7 drilling.
3 David reported that the BOS will not allow Sunoco to drill 24 hours without a
4 public meeting. If Sunoco violates the local new ordinances, under state law,
5 they can be fine \$1,000 per day for violating local noise ordinance.
- 6 • Jon reported that the lubrication station was set up at the Goshen Executive
7 Center. He also stated that some residents in Marydell have been
8 complaining of noise. The township has not received a response from Sunoco
9 regarding an additional sound barrier. Caroline stated that there is an APP
10 available that will measure decibels and time stamp when the noise level was
11 recorded.
- 12 • Bill stated that he and several others requested a home inspection from
13 Sunoco. Christina stated she was informed by a home inspector that she
14 needs to contact a structural engineer to determine if any activity is causing
15 damage.

16 **Old Business**

17 1. Review Pipeline Legislation – Bills 40, 257, 259, 261, 262

- 18 a. For the next meeting, the group will need to review their respective bills,
19 provide a summary and list the pros/cons of the bill. There was
20 discussion that the group may need to email the author of a particular
21 bill. It was agreed that a generic email account should be used. Jon will
22 have a pipelinetf@eastgoshen.org email account set up. This will be used
23 for political contacts as well as for the general public to contact the TF.
24 The chairperson will be the monitor of this account.
- 25 b. David stated that the BOS could support the bills reviewed as one entire
26 package.

27 2. Newsletter Article

28 The TF worked on the article for the newsletter. There was general discussion
29 that residents need to be informed of what is being transported in the pipeline.
30 Jon stated that the article should be general education to the community. It was
31 agreed that it would be comprised of 2 separate parts:

- 32 • The first section will explain who the TF members are, how to contact the
33 TF with questions/concerns and their mission statement.
- 34 • The second will include education points such as:
 - 35 ○ The product in the pipeline is not natural gas. It contains a product
36 that is odorless, colorless and heavier than air.
 - 37 ○ The product is not for domestic use and is exported overseas
 - 38 ○ HDD vs open cut and how HDD can create noise, vibration and
39 dust.

40 It was agreed to address pipeline safety in next newsletter article.

41 3. Fugitive Dust Concerns at HDD sites

42 Bill asked the status on when the engineer will start to monitor one HDD pipeline
43 drilling site. David stated that it was passed by the BOS and will be set up when
44 needed. Jon will verify if the drilling at Bow Tree started. There was also discussion
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1 that an additional barrier is needed at New Kent to block the dust going into Rt 352 &
2 the Bow Tree development. Bill stressed that the fugitive dust issue is not getting the
3 attention it should.

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5 Christina also stated that it is difficult to exit at the intersection of Bancroft Drive and
6 North Chester Road. Sunoco's work sign in addition to overgrown shrubs cause
7 visual obstruction.

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9 **4. Pipeline Coating Degradation**

- 10 a. Due to time constraint at the meeting, Gerry was unable to present his
11 research regarding pipeline coating degradation. Gerry will address this first
12 at the next meeting.

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14 **Action Items for TF**

- 15 • Bill Review and summary

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17 **Public Comment**

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20 The next regular meeting is Thursday, May 23, 2019, at 5:00 pm.

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22 **Adjournment**

23 The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

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25 Respectfully submitted,

26 *Susan D'Amore*

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Sponsors & Emergency Numbers

Bluestone Pipeline Company of PA, LLC	800-363-9541
Buckeye Partners L.P.	800-331-4115
Chambersburg Gas Department	717-263-4111
Chartiers Natural Gas Company, Inc.	724-745-6342
Chesapeake Energy	888-460-0003
CNX Midstream Partners	844-700-2663
CNX Resources Corporation	800-583-3755
Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.	888-460-4332
Delaware Pipeline Company	855-887-9768
Dominion Energy Transmission, Inc.	888-264-8240
Eastern Shore Natural Gas	877-650-1257
Energy Transfer	800-375-5702
Enterprise Products	888-883-6308
Interstate Energy Company	800-747-3375
Keystone Cooperative Association	888-784-6160
Knox Energy Cooperative Association	888-784-6160
National Fuel Gas	800-444-3130
Paulsboro Natural Gas Pipeline Company	877-662-4575
PECO, An Exelon Company	800-841-4141
Peoples Gas Company LLC	800-400-4271
Philadelphia Gas Works	215-235-1212
Stagecoach Gas Services	866-234-7473
Sunoco Pipeline	800-786-7440
Texas Eastern Transmission, LP	800-231-7794
Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Co. LLC	800-440-8475
UGI Utilities, Inc.	800-276-2722
United States Gypsum Company	877-258-2901
United States Steel Corporation	800-992-2262



Color Code for Temporary Markings

Call Before You Dig

- Statistics indicate that damage from excavation related activities is a leading cause of pipeline accidents. If you are a homeowner, farmer, excavator, or developer, we need your help in preventing pipeline emergencies.
- Call Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc. (POCS) at least three business days before you dig at 8-1-1 or 800-242-1776.
- It is your responsibility under the law to provide exact and specific work site information.
- **Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc. does not locate underground facility lines.**
- POCS automated response system will notify you of the member facility owner's status on your dig notification at the end of the second business day for routine notifications and 2 hours for emergency notifications.
- Maintain a safe clearance between any subsurface facility and the cutting edge or point of powered equipment. The law requires use of prudent techniques inside 18" of the outside edge of an underground facility.
- Marking indicates only the approximate location of buried lines. After obtaining facility owner's permission, hand dig test holes in a careful and prudent manner to determine the precise location of underground facility lines. Upon hand digging, if you are still unable to determine the exact location of the lines, call POCS or the facility owner for assistance prior to any excavation.
- If you must expose a line, the state law requires you to protect and support the underground facility line while working on the site. Ask the facility owner's locator for help and advice when you are near underground lines.
- The excavator must renotify POCS for new markings if the facility owner markings are destroyed or removed before excavation commences.
- The excavator must also renotify POCS if the job is delayed more than 10 business days from the original start date.

PIPELINE SAFETY BULLETIN 2019

Important Safety Guidelines



*Pennsylvania One Call: The Keystone of
Damage Prevention*

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Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc.,
Your Local Gas Distribution
and Pipeline Companies
www.paonecall.org
(for additional Pipeline Safety Bulletins)*

www.puc.pa.gov
www.osha.gov
<http://phmsa.dot.gov>
www.commongroundalliance.com
www.pipelineawareness.org
www.pennsylvaniapipeline.com/Pipeline-Safety.html

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Safety & Education

- PA Act 287 as amended requires excavators as well as private land owners to call POCS three business days before any kind of digging occurs with powered equipment.
- Mark your proposed excavation area with white paint or flags before calling with a dig notification.
- By calling you allow the facility owners an opportunity to locate and mark their underground facilities in advance of the planned excavation (gas and liquid pipelines will mark underground facility lines using yellow stakes, flags or paint).
- Protect and preserve markings until they are no longer required for a safe and proper excavation.
- Pipeline operators may monitor the excavation to prevent accidents and detect potentially hazardous situations.
- No construction or excavation activities of any kind, including blasting, drilling, boring vibration or operating vibrating equipment are to be done on any pipeline easement area before the pipeline operator has established the location of all affected facilities and the limits of the easements.
- Because of the critical nature of liquid pipelines and high pressure natural gas, facility owners may want to be on site when construction or excavation activities are near the lines.
- When crossing a pipeline with heavy equipment during construction, you may be required to use protective materials that are approved by individual pipeline companies. When construction is completed, the additional protection must be removed.
- Please consult with the facility owner or line operator when backfilling, which also includes areas of washout and erosion.
- Contact your local pipeline operator for information on high-consequence areas and integrity management programs. For more information, see the individual pipeline company websites.

Prevent Damage

- Pipeline markers display the material transported, the name of the pipeline operator and the operator's emergency number.
- Pipeline markers show approximate location of pipelines and do not reveal the exact location, depth or pressure of the pipeline.
- Easements are written agreements between pipeline companies and landowners, which permit pipeline companies to operate and maintain the pipeline through the landowner's property. When purchasing property or beginning construction, it is essential to research existing easements.
- Easements must be kept clear and nothing can be built over the pipeline.
- Many pipelines were built in unpopulated areas that are now developed. Accidents occur when excavators encroach on the rights of way through construction.

Excavation and design projects should always begin with notification to the state's one call system as required by the PA UULP Law.



www.paonecall.org/pipelinesafety
3 Business Days Notice Required

Emergency Actions

If a gas or petroleum line is hit or damaged and is leaking:

- Stop all digging and leave the equipment in place.
- Evacuate the work area and adjacent structures.
- Remain upwind at a safe distance, 500 feet or more.
- Under PA law, you must dial 9-1-1 or the local fire department.
- Call the appropriate gas or petroleum company immediately from a safe distance (refer to the emergency numbers).
- Eliminate potential ignition sources, i.e., open flames, smoking materials, the starting or operating of motor vehicles, the use of phones, radios, doorbells, electric switches, flashlights, etc.
- Do not try to extinguish a fire unless there is a direct threat to life.
- Do not operate any pipeline valves.
- Cordon off the excavation area. **Keeping a minimum safe distance of 500 feet.** Do not attempt to stop the escape of gas by covering the leak with dirt.
- Any damage to a line must be reported to the facility owner by law, and it is unlawful to cover up a line that may be damaged.

If a gas or petroleum line is hit or exposed without apparent damage or leakage:

- Call the appropriate gas or petroleum company immediately from a safe distance (refer to the emergency numbers).
- Stop excavation activity until the facility owner clears you to proceed.
- Special Note: If you hit a line and there is no apparent leak at that location, it is still possible that there could be secondary damage away from the site, resulting in a leak. In addition some pipelines have sensitive coatings that even when scraped or nicked may create holes. Damage to a line may not be readily apparent when a line is exposed or hit.
- Reporting all damages, even minor nicks and gouges is required by PA law. Minor nicks, gouges, or scrapes can and have been the cause of future failures. Some companies have policies in place to repair minor nicks, gouges and scrapes free of charge.