

**East Goshen Township
Pipeline Task Force
Meeting Agenda**
Thursday, October 24, 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. September 26, 2019
6. Public Comment
7. Chairman's Report
8. Reports
 - a. Legislative Update
 - b. Current Pipeline Events Impacting East Goshen
9. Old Business
 - a. Discuss Emergency Plan
 - b. Review Pipeline legislation - Bills: 40, 257, 259, 261, 262
10. New Business
 - a. Russ Frank's resignation from the Task Force
 - b. Discuss hiring a professional Geologist to review the HDD Reevaluation Report
 - c. Discuss creating/sending a mailing for specific evacuation and reporting information regarding Mariner
11. Any Other Matter
12. Correspondence
12. Adjournment

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2 **PIPELINE TASK FORCE WORKSHOP MEETING**
3 **1580 PAOLI PIKE**
4 **THURSDAY, September 26, 2019**
5 **DRAFT MINUTES**
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7 **Present:** Chair Caroline Hughes, Vice Chair Bill Wegemann; Members: Judi DiFonzo,
8 Russ Frank, Christina Morley, Gerald Sexton; David Shuey, Liaison, Township
9 Supervisor; Mike Lynch, Township Supervisor; Jon Altshul, Assistant Township
10 Manager

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12 **Members of Public in Attendance:** Joseph Buonanno, Everett Warren
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14 **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

15 Caroline called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.
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17 **Moment of Silence**

18 Caroline called for a moment of silence to honor those that lost their lives in the
19 military service.
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21 **Recording**

22 Caroline asked if anyone was recording the meeting. No one was recording.
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24 **Approval of Minutes**

25 The minutes from August 23, 2019, were unanimously approved.
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27 **Public Comment**

- 28 1. Everett Warren, 540 Beaumont Circle, wanted to thank the Board of Supervisors
29 (BOS) for their vote at the September 19th public meeting denying Energy
30 Transfer (Sunoco) their request to allow 24 x 7 work. He stated that it was the
31 right thing to do and he appreciates it.
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33 **Chairman's Report**

- 34 1. Caroline formally thanked the BOS for their vote at the September 19th public
35 meeting. She stated that she was proud of the township and the amount of support
36 and representation shown.
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38 2. Caroline referenced a question from one of the residents that attended the 9/19
39 meeting. He asked that if Energy Transfer had ever conducted a dual pull in as
40 densely populated an area as East Goshen. Caroline stated that the
41 representative from Energy Transfer gave 2 examples: Baton Rouge and
42 Pasadena Texas. However, the pipelines in these areas cannot be equated as the
43 same as in East Goshen. These are transporting petroleum not NGL.
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45 Mike Lynch stated that the Board of Supervisors did not have a
46 predetermination on the vote from the start of the meeting. The majority of the
47 respondents to the survey that was mailed was in favor of the 24 x 7 dual

1 pullback. (Note the 47% of the 788 surveys sent were completed). He continued
2 that if the supporters did not come out it may have been a different atmosphere.
3 Energy Transfer did not provide any compelling information – neither structural
4 or operationally to vote for the 24 x 7. Mike stated that the retail owners and
5 Wellington property wanted the BOS to approve the 24x 7 request. Joe
6 Buonanno, 1606 Herron Lane, West Chester, stated he thought the letters from
7 Sunoco were misleading.

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9 Russ questioned if the Township is enforcing the noise ordinance during the day.
10 Jon explained that when a complaint is received, the township staff visits the
11 complaint site and a sound engineer is called. Jon stated that there have not be
12 many complaints lately. Everett commented that since Sunoco put up the buffer,
13 curtains and structures around the generators and mud machines
14 (approximately the 3rd week of August), there has been no vibration and the
15 noise is approximately 60% reduced. He continued that staff from Sunoco walk
16 around the property almost daily with a meter monitoring the noise. He was told
17 by Sunoco that his property was a model for future construction sites.

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19 Caroline informed everyone that there is a free app to download called Decibel X
20 that can record, measure and time stamp noise. Using this app can assist if a
21 complaint is made.

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23 3. Caroline stated that on Tuesday, September 24 at 5:15 pm that neighbors and
24 residents heard a loud noise similar to a freight train. She stated that there may
25 have been hydrologic testing taking place and was concerned that the township
26 residents were not notified. Jon will follow up with Sunoco. Jon explained that if
27 residents should report any loud noises they hear. If it is after hours, the reports
28 should go to 911.

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30 The township will post on this on the website and send out a Constant Contact.

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32 4. Caroline explained that the Safety 7 hearing will be heard at the downtown West
33 Chester Courthouse on October 23 and 24 at 9:00 am. This hearing will not
34 include expert witnesses.

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36 Caroline will email the group the Environmental Hearing Board Ruling on Steven
37 and Ellen Gerhart vs the DEP.

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39 Caroline will also email the group the Dragonpipe diary article about the
40 outpouring of comments regarding the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
41 Order for Safety Regulations was remarkable. Caroline proudly stated that this is
42 a testament to what can be done.

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44 5. Bill W. stated that Chester County is soliciting applications for a Pipeline Task
45 Force (which will be modeled after EGT). David stated that Mike Lynch has been
46 an advocate for the PLTF before he was elected as a Supervisor. Judi stated that

1 the TF could work with the County Pipeline Task Force group to educate the
2 public about different pipelines.

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4 **Reporting**

5 **1. Legislative Update**

6 Bill explained that East Goshen Safety & Environmental Advocates (EGSEA) is
7 continuing to set up meetings with local officials, Comitta, Houlihan, Christi Marsh,
8 and Killion. He explained that only one bill to date has been passed. Caroline said
9 that Houlihan's position is that the pipeline laws are a state issue. Pipeline and
10 Hazardous Materials Safety Administration is under review and this would be the
11 time for rules to be changed.

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13 **2. Current Events Impacting East Goshen**

14 a. Caroline asked if there was an update to the Boot Road Surface Report. David
15 explained that the first survey was rejected by PennDOT, the 2nd survey had
16 irregularities and the results were undefined and undetermined. David is not
17 sure of the status on the 3rd survey. He will follow up. Caroline asked if this
18 report can be public in which David replied that he was promised a copy and
19 will it make public.

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21 b. Caroline explained that there is a new open public comment period, due
22 October, on the DEP HDD reevaluation of the site from New Kent to Eldridge.

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24 Christina explained the DEP HDD reevaluation report for the Strasburg site.
25 She stated that the same method of testing needs to be applied to the New
26 Kent/Eldridge site. She stated that more stringent and geological testing is
27 needed. She also suggested that a letter from Aqua be obtained stating the
28 public water is ok. There was discussion that these comments need to be
29 summarized and presented to the BOS for submission for public comment.
30 Christina will add her comments in a google doc for all to share.

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32 Judi made a motion that these be presented during public comment and
33 Caroline seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0. Caroline said that the
34 public comments need to be emailed to: ra-eppipelines@pa.gov. There is also
35 another DEP report for public comment for the Wellington site. The public
36 comment period on this is ends on October 10.

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38 **New Business**

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40 a. The 2020 budget was discussed. No members had any items to add to the
41 budget.

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43 b. Judi explained that the group, Chester County Environmental Alliance
44 (<https://chescoenvt.org/>), encompasses environmental topics such as open
45 space, clean energy etc. David stated the Sustainability Committee is engaged
46 in this alliance. Judi stated that the TF should have representation in this
47 group and she agreed to do it.

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2 The next meeting is Thursday, October 24, 2019, at 5:00 pm. Due to holidays, the
3 meetings for November and December will be held on the third Thursday of the
4 month. The dates respectively are: November 21 and December 19.

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6 **Adjournment**

7 The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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9 Respectfully submitted,

10 *Susan D'Amore*

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