

**PIPELINE TASK FORCE WORKSHOP MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
THURSDAY, September 26, 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; Jon Altshul, Assistant Township Manager

Members of Public in Attendance: Joseph Buonanno, Everett Warren

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 those that lost their lives in the military service.

Recording

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from August 23, 2019, were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

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

Chairman's Report

1. Caroline formally thanked the BOS for their vote at the September 19th public meeting. She stated that she was proud of the township and the amount of support and representation shown.
2. Caroline referenced a question from one of the residents that attended the 9/19 meeting. He asked that if Energy Transfer had ever conducted a dual pull in as densely populated an area as East Goshen. Caroline stated that the representative from Energy Transfer gave 2 examples: Baton Rouge and Pasadena Texas. However, the pipelines in these areas cannot be equated as the same as in East Goshen, since these are transporting refined petroleum not NGLs.

Mike Lynch stated that the Board of Supervisors did not have a predetermination on the vote from the start of the meeting. The majority of the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Reporting

1. Legislative Update

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

2. Current Events Impacting East Goshen

- a. Caroline asked if there was an update to the Boot Road Surface Report. David explained that the first survey was rejected by PennDOT, the 2nd survey had irregularities and the results were undefined and undetermined. David is not sure of the status on the 3rd survey. He will follow up. Caroline asked if this report can be made public in which David replied that he was promised a copy and will it make public.
- b. Caroline explained that there is a new open public comment period, due October 4, on the DEP HDD reevaluation of the site from New Kent to Eldridge.

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

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

New Business

- a. The 2020 budget was discussed. No members had any items to add to the budget.
- b. Judi explained that the group, Chester County Environmental Alliance (<https://chescoenvt.org/>), encompasses environmental topics such as open space, clean energy etc. David stated the Sustainability Committee is engaged in this alliance. Judi stated that the TF should have representation in this group and she agreed to do it.

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

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan D'Amore

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