

**PIPELINE TASK FORCE WORKSHOP MEETING  
1580 PAOLI PIKE  
THURSDAY, January 9, 2020  
FINAL MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

Gerry Sexton  
Christina Morley  
Karen Miller

**Others Present:**

David Shuey, Liaison & Township Supervisor  
John Hertzog, Township Supervisor  
Mike Lynch, Township Supervisor  
Michele Truitt, Township Supervisor  
Rick Smith, Township Manager  
Ernie Harkness, Planning Commission Chair

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Gerry called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

**Moment of Silence**

Gerry called for a moment of silence to honor our first responders and military personnel, especially those who lost their lives in service to our country.

**Recording**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Since there was not a quorum, the December 5, 2019 minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

**Public Comment**

None. Comments made in context of the meeting.

**Chairperson's Report**

Gerry discussed the \$30.6 million civil penalty that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) issued to ETC Northeast Pipeline (ETC), which is a part of Energy Transfer Partners.

**Reports**

Gerry discussed the article that was in the Daily Local News about Bill #284 sponsored by Tom Killion. This bill addresses what confidential security information pipeline operators are required to share with emergency planning officials. This bill is still awaiting floor vote.

Gerry commented that Christina provided an excellent commentary to DEP regarding the HDD 421 Reevaluation reports. Gerry asked if there has been any progress from the Township with respect to acquiring the services of a professional geologist. Rick stated that a recommendation from the Task Force (TF) to the Board would need to be made. David mentioned that the Township has been promised the reports on the Boot Road analysis.

The TF discussed the event that happened on Saturday, January 4. Sunoco conducted testing\* without notifying the Emergency Management Services, the Township, Police or Fire Personnel. A resident who called 911 was told to shelter in place but did not receive a follow up or “all clear”. Rick explained that the Township is investigating what happened and why no one was notified before the testing. Emails and letters were sent to Sunoco. David mentioned that he has requested that we be informed on what happened, an explanation on exactly what Sunoco was doing and lastly demanded a public apology. John Hertzog stated that Rick held a meeting with 911, EMS and Sunoco as part of the investigation on what happened.

\* Addendum to above: It was originally reported this that this was pneumatic (air) testing. It was later determined that this was hydrostatic (water) testing.

### **New Business**

**10a. Boot Road Summary** – There was discussion that the Boot Road Summary Report that was emailed via Constant Contact did not seem like a formal report; there was not signature endorsing it. Christina stated that she met with Carolyn Comitta regarding this report. She said that all the reports on Boot Road are going to be consolidated and that there should be a new one by the end of next week (1/17/20). Rick stated that we are able to file a Right To Know request if we do not receive the reports.

Gerry asked about the work Aqua was doing and if it could be related to Sunoco work. Rick stated several valves and rusty bolts needs to be replaced by Aqua. Rick suggested to wait until was get the reports and then discuss if there is a relation.

Melissa DiBernardino, 1502 Old Orchard Lane, stated that she attended a meeting with Aqua regarding the number of water main breaks. She explained that there are still details being sorted out.

**10b. Accomplishments and Objectives** – Gerry volunteered to compile the 2019 accomplishments and the 2020 goals. He will distribute to the TF for review at the next meeting on 1/23/20.

**10c. Pipeline Setback Recommendations for Paoli Pike TND Ordinance** – Gerry stated that the TND Ordinance was not discussed at the BOS meeting on 12/17/19. Gerry reviewed three relevant documents and provided a summary of what he deemed important in reference to setbacks, easements and ordnances. He suggested that the TF could make two separate recommendations based upon the relative risks associated with different materials being transported:

1. Pipelines transporting highly volatile high pressure products (i.e. methane and NGLs).
2. Pipelines transporting volatile liquid petroleum products (i.e. jet fuel and heating oil).

Gerry stated that the distance number for the setback is still unknown. Christina stated that this analysis is helpful to determine that number.

There was discussion about providing a Consultation Zone for new structures and business owners. David stated that he disagrees with defining setbacks; however, likes the idea of a consultation zone. He also mentioned that the Paoli Pike Trail could be used as an evacuation route in case of an emergency. Christina mentioned that setback ordinances were designed to protect the pipeline. Mike stated that setbacks are a complex topic. He encourages the TF to take on the challenge and is open to research being done by the TF and Planning Commission before it is presented to the BOS.

Ernie stated that the Planning Commission has listed as one of its goals for 2020 to review the ordinances with pipelines and public health and safety. He continued that the TF needs to propose a formal recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to ask the Planning Commission to look at the Zoning Ordinances to see what (if any) changes need to be made that can protect the public's health and safety. The Planning Commission in turn will send back to the BOS with recommendations. He also stated that there is no pipeline reference in the TND ordinance.

Mike asked Ernie to give a summary of his background.

John Daniel, 526 Beaumont Circle, asked what the Township is doing to minimize the risk from the pipeline to existing homes. He expressed concern about resale. Mike explained that the Township is limited in what they can do in regards to risk reduction. John explained that the Township has helped the residents by establishing the Pipeline Task Force. John Daniel asked if Sunoco could be held liable if there was an emergency.

### **Any Other Matter**

Rick explained that Adelphia received approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to construct and operate its proposed Adelphia Gateway Project. The only construction from Adelphia in East Goshen will be at the valve site on the north side of Paoli Pike.

Rick explained that Sunoco has laid out the pipe at the Bow Tree site and will be pulling back from Bow Tree to SS. Simon and Jude.

Melissa questioned why air pressure testing was done on 1/4/20 since this is more dangerous than hydrostatic testing. She stated that she contacted the PUC about this event. See addendum noted above regarding the type of testing actually performed.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm. The next meeting is January 23, 2020 @ 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Susan D'Amore*

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