

**PIPELINE TASK FORCE MEETING  
1580 PAOLI PIKE  
THURSDAY, January 23, 2020  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

Caroline Hughes, Chair; Bill Wegemann, Vice Chair; Members: Judi DiFonzo; Christina Morley; Gerry Sexton

**Others Present:**

Mark Gordon, Zoning Officer; Michele Truitt, Township Supervisor

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Caroline called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and Christina led the pledge of allegiance.

**Moment of Silence**

Caroline called for a moment of silence to honor those injured or deceased in the line of duty.

**Recording**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from December 5, 2019 and January 9, 2020 were approved unanimously.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Chairperson's Report**

1. Caroline reported that Sunoco was fined \$2 million for Mariner East spills in Raystown Lake, Huntingdon County.
2. Caroline explained that the FBI is investigating the Wolf administration's issuing of Mariner East pipeline permits. She explained that the former secretary of DEP, John Quigley, would not grant these permits unless the deficiencies were remedied. Pat McDonald has been assigned as the new secretary of DEP.
3. Caroline reported that Chester County's request to stop Sunoco's construction by the Chester County library was denied. The judge stated that he did not have jurisdiction to rule on the matter.
4. Caroline explained that there is another DEP public comment period opportunity. Since the deadline is January 28, 2020, there is not enough time make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Michele stated that she will submit comments as a concerned citizen and resident. Michele also stated that she met with Sunoco earlier in the month. She will be meeting again with representatives from Sunoco's Operations and Engineering departments.

## **Reports**

1. **Legislative Update** – Bill provided information about his background and his involvement with East Goshen Safety Environment Advocates (EGSEA). He expressed his concerns that during the 5 years of Governor Wolf's Administration, not one single pipeline bill has been signed. Bill explained how Pennsylvania is the only major gas-producing state in the U.S. that does not have a severance tax. This has been a major sticking point in Harrisburg for nearly a decade. Instead, Pennsylvania has a unique "impact fee." Gas companies pay the fee for each well they drill. He continued that he hopes that PUC rulemaking will provide guidelines and laws moving forward.
2. **Current Pipeline Events Impacting East Goshen** – Mark reported that two noise violations were filed against Sunoco regarding properties around the New Kent area. He will be citing Sunoco with an additional violation on 1/24/20. Mark provided a completion status of the Sunoco installation of the 16-inch and 20-inch pipes to date.

## **Old Business**

1. **Boot Road Geophysical Survey Reports** – The TF discussed the latest Boot Road report that was provided. The TF also discussed their concerns about Larry Greminger's qualifications. Christina made a motion requesting Township Staff to file a Right to Know Request to PennDOT to obtain all information, correspondence, reports, data, etc. associated with the Boot Road Geophysical Survey. Bill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.  
Christina requested from the Township staff that all correspondence be forwarded to the TF as soon as it is received.  
Christina explained that she held an informational session/workshop for a few residents to assist in improving their skills in submitting public comment to organizations such as DEP. She is willing to do this again if there is interest.
2. **Accomplishments and Objectives** – Gerry presented for review a list of the TF accomplishments and objectives in preparation for the ABC Annual Planning session to be held January 28 at 6:00 pm. The TF discussed and revised. Gerry will make modifications for distribution at the meeting.
3. **Professional Geologist** – The TF discussed hiring a professional geologist. Mark suggested that the TF recommend to the Board of Supervisors that a professional geologist from Pennoni begin this process with a review of the Boot Road Geophysical Survey Reports. Judi made a motion for this recommendation and Gerry seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm. The next meeting is Thursday, February 27, 2020, at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Susan D'Amore*