

East Goshen Township
Pipeline Task Force Meeting Agenda
Thursday, June 25, 2020
5:00 PM

During this tele-conference Pipeline Task Force Meeting, public comment will be handled as follows:

- **Participants are asked to call in by 4:55 pm.**
- **Participants will be asked to identify themselves when being accepted into the meeting.**
- **The public will be muted during the meeting when the Task Force is talking.**
- **The public will be unmuted and given an opportunity to comment and ask questions during the Public Comment period.**
- **Participants wishing to comment must state their name and must speak one at a time.**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence
3. Ask if anyone is recording the meeting
4. Approval of Minutes
 May 28, 2020
5. Public Comment
6. Chairperson's Report
7. Reports
 - a. Legislative Update if applicable
 - b. Current Pipeline Events Impacting East Goshen
8. Old Business
 - a. PennEast – Adelpia Project
9. New Business
 - a. Pipeline Noise as Public Nuisance
10. Any Other Matter
11. Correspondence
12. Adjournment

**PIPELINE TASK FORCE MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2020
DRAFT MINUTES**

Members Present:

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

Others Present

David Shuey, Liaison, Township Supervisor; Rick Smith, Township Manager, Josh Maxwell, Chester County Commissioner; Eve Miari, Clean Air Council; Melissa DiBernardino, Russ Frank, Dianna Masha

COMMON ACRONYMS:

<i>BOS</i>	<i>Board of Supervisors</i>
<i>CCATO</i>	<i>Chester County Association of Township Officials</i>
<i>DEP</i>	<i>Department of Environmental Protection</i>
<i>EGT</i>	<i>East Goshen Township</i>
<i>EGSEA</i>	<i>East Goshen Safety and Environmental Advocates</i>
<i>HDD</i>	<i>Horizontal Directional Drilling</i>
<i>IR</i>	<i>Inadvertent Return</i>
<i>ME1</i>	<i>Mariner East 1</i>
<i>ME2</i>	<i>Mariner East 2</i>
<i>PHMSA</i>	<i>Pipeline Hazard Materials and Safety Administration</i>
<i>PUC</i>	<i>Public Utility Commission</i>
<i>TF</i>	<i>Task Force</i>

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Caroline called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and Christina led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Caroline called for a moment of silence to honor our first responders, those that have fallen in service and those fighting this pandemic.

Recording

Susan reported that she was recording to the cloud.

Chairperson Report

Caroline outlined the topics for discussion:

- 2 recent announcements:
 - o Sunoco's announcement that the 16-inch line is now active.
 - o PennEast has teamed up with Adelphia.
- A Rolling Stone Article regarding how a local municipality in Pennsylvania was able to get the DEP to revoke a permit for an injection well. She stated that an opportunity for a joint effort could now exist for the Township's Pipeline TF and Sustainability Advisory Committee.

- State Impact Article regarding how the Revolution pipeline explosion in Beaver County resulted in a huge fine for Energy Transfer. DEP has also uncovered hundreds of new violations.
- PUC Press Release regarding a new settlement in Morgantown and an open comment period.

Adelphia/PennEast

Caroline introduced Eve Miari from the Clean Air Council to discuss the Adelphia/PennEast Topic. She stated that there are residents in East Goshen with easement agreements with Adelphia that could be impacted.

Eve provided background on the PennEast project explaining that it was to start in the Poconos and head east into New Jersey (NJ). However, the NJ DEP rejected the application and PennEast cannot move forward with their original plan. PennEast has proposed a modification that would interconnect with Adelphia.

David asked if methane gas will still be transferred and if there are any new pipes being introduced.

Eve confirmed that it is methane and that she is not aware of any changes to Adelphia. She added that PennEast is a new 36-inch pipeline – compared to Adelphia which is 18 inches. She continued that the pipelines are to interconnect east of Bethlehem.

David stated that EGT's easement only permits the exiting 20-inch pipe; no new pipes can be added, and the contents are restricted to methane.

Eve stated that there is a possibility that if the New Jersey pipeline is null/void, PennEast may look to expand the Adelphia pipeline. The group discussed the pressure of the 2 pipelines and their different sizes and valve stations.

Eve stated that the communities in North Eastern PA have been actively against the PennEast pipeline for the last 5 years. They have signed municipal and county resolutions of concern. She continued that these communities could use support from those that live along Adelphia. She stated that the council is trying to educate the surrounding community.

Eve explained the permits were denied to PennEast in NJ. There is a lot of conservation and preserved land in this area. These townships banded together and would not sign the easement agreements. They also signed resolutions of concern. These actions caused the permit to be blocked.

Christina raised the question if townships and counties should issue resolutions opposing PennEast connecting to Adelphia. Eve stated that there is no formal DEP public comment period. However, the council has sent comments to DEP anyway. She encouraged the Township to send comments if they have concerns.

1 David explained that the Township's current perspective with Adelpia is that there are
2 no new excavation plans. The Township has the valve station on Paoli Pike that will be
3 converted to blowdown. Before the BOS can sign a resolution, they will need to know what
4 will change to the existing pipeline.

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6 The group discussed the environmental concerns that pipelines have on the environment
7 and the number of blowdowns in Chester County.

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9 Commissioner Maxwell explained that an energy committee for the county held their first
10 meeting today (5/28/20). They will be the conduit for environmental policy for county
11 discussion including how environmental ordinances could help in making things more
12 difficult for the pipeline industry. Caroline asked Commissioner Maxwell if the EGT Pipeline
13 TF could help the County task force. He stated that he would check with them.

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15 Eve concluded by telling the group to let her know if the Council can help in any way e.g.
16 DEP comments / township ordinances.

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18 Rick stated that if PennEast and Adelpia proposed any changes to the DEP, the Township
19 would have been notified.

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21 David stated he has the following questions:

- 22 1. Any new construction or integrity issues
- 23 2. What is the impact on EGT's valve station
- 24 3. What capacity changes are being proposed and what is the volume and the pressure
25 of existing proposals

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27 Caroline made a motion recommending that the BOS send a letter to DEP for clarification
28 regarding the proposal between PennEast and Adelpia. Bill seconded the motion. The
29 motion passed unanimously. Rick asked that additional questions be forwarded to him,
30 and he will draft the letter for the June 9th agenda.

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32 **Public Comment**

33 Russ Frank asked if the pipeline easement was written for only natural gas. Eve answered
34 that they include liquid petroleum and oil. Russ said he believes that hydrocarbon and
35 gasses are also included. He added that he believes Adelpia will be supplying power to
36 Liberty Power Company in Essington.

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38 Diana Masha explained that Adelpia dissects her back yard. She asked what changes will
39 come of the PennEast /Adelpia project.

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41 Melissa DiBernardino asked if there was an update on Boot Road by Paoli Pike. She
42 reported that there are divots and it seems to be deteriorating.

1 **Reports**

2 **Current Pipeline Events Impacting East Goshen**

3 Rick reported that the 16-inch line is now operational between West Whiteland Township
4 and Middletown Township.

5 Bill asked if there was product running presently? Rick answered yes and stated that the
6 new pipeline is connected to the existing pipeline.

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8 Melissa Bernardino asked if the 12-inch line is no longer needed. Rick clarified that the 12-
9 inch line is still in operation in Uwchlan and Upper Uwchlan but not in East Goshen. Rick
10 will get further clarity on what is happening with the 12-inch pipeline in East Goshen.

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12 Bill expressed concerned that they are actively drilling next to a line that is running product.

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14 Caroline commented that the information sent out by the township needs to be directed to
15 the average resident. She asked how the Pipeline TF can help. Rick stated that the website
16 will be updated, a map will be added along with a link for safety information.

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18 Bill asked when will Sunoco be finished. Rick stated that the longest part that is left is from
19 Bow Tree to Saints Simon and Jude Church; and that will be complete by January 2021.

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21 Christina stated that she hopes her Right-To-Know request is rescheduled so she can
22 review the Bow Tree documents.

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24 **Easement Renewals**

25 Caroline indicated that residents in EGT are currently undergoing easement renewals at
26 this time. These agreements are not on the same timeline. There was discussion what, if
27 anything, the Township can do for owners who have issues. Rick stated that they need to
28 seek legal advice.

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30 **PUC Press Release**

31 Caroline explained that there is another comment period with the PUC and Sunoco on the
32 Morgantown leak and the life study of ME1. Since this period is a 10-day window, a
33 recommendation to the BOS could not be made. It was suggested that members submit
34 their own comments. Caroline will send a link to the press release to the group.

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36 **Legislative Update**

37 Bill stated that he has emailed the offices of Representative Carolyn Committa, Senators
38 Andy Dinniman and Tom Killion asking for any updates to share for this meeting. Bill
39 reported that Rep. Committa informed him that she was in contact with Joe McGinn and
40 that Joe would contact Bill directly. Shannon Royer from Rep. Killion's office informed Bill
41 that Rep Killion provided testimony to PUC in reference to the Flynn vs. PUC Sunoco
42 complaint back in January. Killion's Pipeline Safety Bill remains to be approved by the
43 senate. This bill would have passed earlier if not for the pandemic. That would have been
44 the first one to have passed. Their office is closely monitoring the progress by the PUC and
45 safety rulemaking process.

1 David asked if there is an update on PUC rulemaking. Rick explained that this process
2 takes a while.

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4 **Old Business**

5 **PHMSA comment update**

6 Due to COVID-19, the BOS did not meet to submit public comment to PHMSA regarding
7 their proposal to its regulations concerning natural gas and hazardous liquid pipelines.
8 Caroline reported that, at Gerry's suggestion, she submitted the comments on behalf of the
9 EGT Pipeline TF.

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11 Gerry reported that he could not find Caroline's comments online.

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13 **Approval of Minutes**

14 The minutes from February 27, 2020, were unanimously approved.

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16 **Adjournment**

17 The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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19 The next meeting is Thursday, June 25, 2020, at 5:00 pm via Zoom

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21 Respectfully submitted,
22 *Susan D'Amore*

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**ESTIMATED
SUNOCO PIPE INSTALLATION**

6/19/20

HDD	Segment			Length	Method	20 inch pipe		16 inch pipe	
						Status	Installed	Status	Installed
460	Fire House (WGT)	to	Wellington Entrance	3391	HDD	completed	3391	completed	3391
	Wellington Entrance	to	Giant Entrance	1125	Open Cut	completed	1125	completed	1125
461	Giant Entrance	to	Quaker Village	882	HDD			completed	882
471	Quaker Village	to	Goshen Exe Ctr	3730	HDD			completed	3730
490	Goshen Exe Ctr	to	New Kent	2970	HDD	completed	2970	completed	2970
500	New Kent	to	Bow Tree	2140	HDD			completed	2140
501	Bow Tree	to	Bow Tree Drive	975	HDD	completed	975	completed	975
520/530	Bow Tree Drive	to	St Simon & Jude (WT)	6943	HDD			completed	6943
	Total			22156			8461	5/29/20 in service	22156
	Percentage						38.19%		100.00%

HDD 461- Pull back expected to occur in mid-July.

HDD 471 - Mobilize equipment in mid-July with pull back in December.

HDD 500 - Pull back expected to occur at the end of July

HDD520/530 - Pull back expected to occur at the end of January 2021.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP

CHESTER COUNTY

1580 PAOLI PIKE, WEST CHESTER, PA 19380-6199

June 10, 2020

Kevin White, P.E.
Environmental Group Manager
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Regional Permit Coordination Office
2 Public Square
Wilke-Barre, PA 18701-1915

Re: PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC
Project Phasing request dated January 30, 2020

Dear Mr. White:

PennEast Pipeline has a certificate from FERC to install a natural gas pipeline in the northeastern part of Pennsylvania. In January they submitted an application to FERC (Docket CP20-47) to amend this certificate to allow for interconnections with the Columbia Gas Pipeline and the Adelpia Pipeline. The Adelpia Pipeline bisects East Goshen Township and it also recently received a certificate from FERC.

On January 30, 2020 PennEast submitted a request to amend the existing joint permit application they have pending with PA DEP.

Concerns have been expressed about how these interconnections would impact the Adelpia Pipeline. The Board of Supervisors discussed this matter at their meeting on June 9, 2020 and directed me to submit the followings questions to PA DEP for a response.

- 1) It is important for us, as a Township to understand the impact the connection of PennEast to Adelpia will have. So that we may convey this information to our residents from a trusted, reliable source, please explain in detail what effects PA DEP expects to see from this newly proposed modification.
- 2) The Environmental Assessment conducted for the Adelpia Gateway project in January 2019 did not reflect the now-proposed addition of the PennEast Pipeline. Will the PA DEP now require a revised Environmental Assessment that includes the newly proposed route and will that assessment be made available to the public (for comments)?
- 3) In Pennsylvania the number of drilled wells exceeds the capacity to transport. Connecting PennEast and Adelpia would increase transport capacity and could potentially bring more wells online to fill the expanded infrastructure. If PA DEP approves this revised project, please explain how this action aligns with the Commonwealth's, the Governor's, and the PA DEP's Climate Action Plan and stated goals of reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 26% by 2025 and 80% by 2050 - the two appear incompatible.

4) Our small township (East Goshen) will soon have 11 pipelines running through it. Will the PA DEP begin considering the very real issue of pipeline saturation as a factor when evaluating permits and routes? While the environmental effects of one pipeline in a specific area is evaluated during a permitting process, what is lost is the *degradation over time* of a geographic area that repeatedly suffers from the loss of mature trees, cleared vegetation, repeated runoff and flooding due to years of ongoing construction. This inability to recover between projects results in a much higher level of environmental deterioration than that which is captured in a single environmental assessment that narrowly focuses on the effects of just one project. How does the PA DEP evaluate the comprehensive environmental impact of its permitted projects?

5) As a result of this request will PA DEP require PennEast to submit a complete new application and essentially restart the approval process?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" and "S".

Louis F. Smith, Jr.
Township Manager