

**PIPELINE TASK FORCE MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
THURSDAY, March 12, 2020
DRAFT MINUTES**

Members Present:

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

Others Present

David Shuey, Liaison, Township Supervisor; Rick Smith, Township Manager

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>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 in service and the medical community.

Recording

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

Public Comment

Joe Buonanno, 1606 Herron Lane, asked how much longer until Sunoco is done. Rick stated that Sunoco should be done by the end of this year.

Joe asked about the sleeves that are being used for drilling. He wanted to know if they were used with both the 16-inch and 20-inch pipes. Rick explained that the sleeves are being used on the 20-inch pipes. Rick continued that the 16-inch installation has been completed and sleeves were not used.

Joe asked why the sleeves were used only for 20-inch pipes and if the sleeves would prevent corrosion. Rick explained that due to the IRs that occurred during the installation of the 16-inch pipe. The sleeves were then implemented to reduce the risk of IRs as recommended in the comments that were sent to DEP.

Joe questioned where in the easements the pipes are located and how close they are to one another. Rick stated that they could be as close as inches apart from each other. Judi added that it is not known how they are placed relative to each other.

Joe asked if Sunoco is conducting ground water testing. Rick stated that this would be done by DEP.

Joe inquired about gas meters that can detect leaks. He stated that there are underground leak detection systems. David asked Joe to forward him information regarding this. There was discussion about above ground gas detection meters. Rick explained the two (2) federal laws (PHMSA & PUC) that govern the pipelines. He continued that the purpose of tonight's workshop is to review the PHMSA proposed rulemaking changes and suggest to the BOS recommendations for public comment. Christina asked Joe to send his comments to PHMSA and contact Representative Chrissy Houlihan. Caroline explained that Representative Houlihan is aware of this rulemaking proposal because it is on a federal level. Rick will send Joe the PHMSA public comment link so that he can add public comments by the deadline of April 6, 2020.

Approval of Minutes

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

Chairperson's Report – Caroline stated that she has been fielding many comments and questions from the community regarding the sound and noise coming from the pipeline work. She asked if the Township could keep citing violations to Sunoco. David explained that the Township cannot stop Sunoco from exceeding the noise limit. He continued that continually citing them is not economical due to the Township having to pay the engineers to calibrate their meters and visit the site. In addition, there are also legal court fees. The Township has cited them several times and a court date has been scheduled.

New Business - BOS Recommendation for public comment to PHMSA regarding their proposal to its regulations concerning natural gas and hazardous liquid pipelines.

The TF reviewed section by section the comments noted in the letter provided by Rick on the PHMSA rules that are changing. Caroline will incorporate and update the comments from the workshop for the 3/17/20 BOS meeting. Judi made a motion to approve the draft comments pursuant to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that will be finalized and submitted for recommendation to the BOS for public comment that is due to PHMSA on April 6, 2020. Christina seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

The next meeting is Thursday, March 26, 2020, at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan D'Amore