

**PIPELINE TASK FORCE WORKSHOP  
THURSDAY, January 14, 2021  
TELE CONFERENCE  
FINAL MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

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

**Others Present**

David Shuey, Township Supervisor; Rick Smith, Township Manager

**COMMON ACRONYMS:**

<i>ACOE</i>	<i>Army Core of Engineers</i>
<i>BI&amp;E</i>	<i>Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement</i>
<i>BOS</i>	<i>Board of Supervisors</i>
<i>CCATO</i>	<i>Chester County Association of Township Officials</i>
<i>DCNR</i>	<i>Department of Conservation and Natural Resources</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>ET</i>	<i>Energy Transfer Company</i>
<i>FOI</i>	<i>Freedom of Information</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 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Moment of Silence**

Caroline called for a moment of silence for first responders, health care workers and government officials.

**Recording**

The meeting is recorded to the cloud via Zoom meeting settings.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from December 10, 2020, were unanimously approved.

Caroline welcomed Jim Christenson as the newest member to the Task Force.

### **ABC Planning Session**

#### **2020 Accomplishments and Highlights**

Bill provided a document for review. Caroline and Christina agreed to compile a list of accomplishments and highlights from 2020. They will share with the TF for input. The final copy will be provided to Susan by Friday morning (1/22/21).

#### **2021 Goals and Initiatives**

The TF discussed and agreed on the following goals:

**1. Expand the TF from 6 to 7 members.**

- David stated there is one 2-year term opened.
- Christina shared that she received a zoom invitation from the “Bow Tree 15” (residents that have homes backing up to 352 along the pipeline). She will attend and provide an update on the subsidence. She will ask if anyone is interested in joining the TF.
- Rick updated that pullback at the Bow Tree site is scheduled for early March.
- David reminded that restoration of easements is negotiated between Energy Transfer and the property owner. Rick confirmed that no permits are needed for fencing, but the fence cannot exceed 6 feet and the smooth side must face out. Bill added that all 15 residents need to agree on fencing. Rick noted later in the meeting that this group is aware of all the fence regulations.

**2. Increase communication to the public**

- Caroline stated that the TF should streamline the process of communication specific for township residents and make it easy for the average person to understand.
- Judi shared that the Chester County Environmental Alliance is holding a session called: “Common Environmental Agenda for Chester County”. She shared the link below and stated she will be attending. David suggested that Judi share the pipeline saturation ordinance with them.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wccCNOB7gauTIDyXomIGRR6n\\_C0o\\_dCUrM\\_ciQ2atxvM/edit#](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wccCNOB7gauTIDyXomIGRR6n_C0o_dCUrM_ciQ2atxvM/edit#).

**3. Improving communication with other ABCs; establish liaisons and share initiatives.**

- Christina said that the TF should improve the communication and collaboration with other ABCs in the township. Rick suggested that BOS could encourage development of ABC-to-ABC liaisons. David will put forward this idea at the planning session.

**4. Outreach to elected local, state and federal officials especially within East Goshen’s district.**

5. **Promotion of legislation that would help East Goshen residents in relation to the pipeline.**
6. **Reassess and redefine the purpose statement and goals of the Pipeline TF.**
  - Gerry suggested that the overarching objectives and goals are routed in pipeline safety, environmental compliance and quality of life.
7. **Look for opportunities to address public communication regarding evacuation plans specific to our township.**
8. **Provide guidance on Dr. Sasowsky's first phase of the investigation.**
  - Rick updated that Dr. Sasowsky has received the contract along with all the information including the PennDOT report. Rick will forward to him the Bow Tree stream report.

#### **Any Other Matter**

1. Bow Tree Stream Sample Report
  - Caroline asked the origin of this report to which Rick explained that a resident reported "bad" water coming from the Bow Tree site. The Township had Pennoni perform the test.
  - Gerry added that the report is difficult to understand and the acronyms are not defined. There was discussion about how the results were reported.
  - Rick will clarify the acronyms and provide a primer for context explanation.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

The next meeting is Thursday, January 28, 2021, at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan D'Amore*

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