

East Goshen Township
Pipeline Task Force Meeting Agenda
Thursday, April 8, 2021
6:30 PM
Dial in Number: (929) 205-6099
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During this tele-conference Pipeline Task Force Meeting, public comment will be handled as follows:

- **The public will be muted during the meeting when the Task Force is talking.**
- **The public will be given an opportunity to comment and ask questions during the Public Comment period.**
- **Participants wishing to comment can hit *9 to raise their hand.**
- **Participants 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
March 11
5. Public Comment
6. Chairperson's Report
 - a. Introduction of new member - Jeannine DelVescovo
7. Reports
 - a. Legislative Update
 - b. Update on current Pipeline Events Impacting East Goshen
8. Old Business –
 - a. Report on Dr. Sasowsky's progress
9. New Business
10. Liaison Reports
11. Any Other Matter
12. Correspondence
13. Adjournment

1 PIPELINE TASK FORCE WORKSHOP
2 THURSDAY, March 11, 2021
3 TELE CONFERENCE
4 DRAFT MINUTES
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6 **Members Present:**

7 Chair Caroline Hughes; Vice Chair Bill Wegemann; Members: Judi DiFonzo,
8 Christina Morley, Gerry Sexton
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10 **Others Present**

11 David Shuey, Township Supervisor; Rick Smith, Township Manager; Representative Dianne
12 Herrin; Abby Diebold from Senator John Kane's office; Ernie Harkness, Planning
13 Commission Chair
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15 **COMMON ACRONYMS:**

<i>ACOE</i>	<i>Army Core of Engineers</i>
<i>BI&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>CCPC</i>	<i>Chester County Planning Commission</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>

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17 **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

18 Caroline called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
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20 **Moment of Silence**

21 Caroline called for a moment of silence for those in the service and those that have served
22 our country, for our first responders and for all impacted by COVID as the 1-year
23 anniversary approaches.
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25 **Recording**

26 The meeting is recorded to the cloud via Zoom meeting settings.
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1 **Approval of Minutes**

2 The minutes from February 11, 2021, were unanimously approved as corrected.

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4 **Public Comment – None**

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6 **Chairperson’s Report**

7 Caroline reported:

- 8 • As noted last month the County Commissioners hired an independent geotechnical
9 engineering firm regarding the sink holes. That firm reported that there are serious
10 structural issues around the Chester County Library and are recommending a remedial
11 process. Caroline added that there are now three (3) sink holes. The Commissioners are
12 negotiating with Sunoco to remediate this situation.
13 • The Safety Seven ruling is due to come late March.

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15 **Representative Herrin**

16 Representative Herrin reported that she and her team:

- 17 • Have been setting up the district office in order to provide local constituent service.
18 • Are addressing the vaccine issue.
19 • Are addressing unemployment claims.
20 • Are planning to start a neighborhood tour, knocking on doors to introduce herself and
21 to find out what can be done to help and support.
22 • Had an outreach to all municipal governments in the district.
23 • Have started working on legislative issues.

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25 Representative Herrin understands the pipeline issue is difficult and challenging and hopes
26 to work with the TF on this issue.

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28 **Abby Diebold from Senator John Kane’s**

29 On behalf of Senator Kane, Abby explained that, in addition to their setting up the office, the
30 top two issues being addressed are the COVID vaccine and unemployment compensation.
31 Their focus has been on the policy and legislative issues around pipeline safety and
32 regulation.

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34 David explained that the Township has passed a unique Pipeline Saturation Ordinance that
35 was tied to the Pennsylvania Constitution. This ordinance does not permit new pipelines in
36 East Goshen Township. He asked that they consider addressing legislation about pipeline
37 saturation.

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39 **Report - Dr. Ira Sasowsky’s progress**

40 Bill introduced Dr. Ira Sasowsky stating that he is assisting with the subsidence on Route
41 352. Dr. Sasowsky explained that the Township has hired him to conduct a desktop study
42 to determine the cause of the subsidence and identify if it is a safety issue. He reported that
43 there is a subsidence which was active but seems to be stable now. This is not a karst area
44 that does not contain marble or limestone.

1 Dr. Sasowsky talked about the history of this area and what previously existed on the
2 property. He explained that PennDOT did a quick and shallow excavation and reported
3 remains of a tree with branches.

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5 Christina asked if PennDOT stated if the area was remediated when it was backfilled.
6 Dr. Sasowsky explained that no remediation was done. In summary, this subsidence is of
7 moderate concern and Dr. Sasowsky does not know the cause. It can be unrelated to
8 pipeline, but he cannot rule it out. He added that it could have a connection to the
9 abandoned well. Before remediation can occur, further investigation is needed.

10 11 **Pipeline Awareness Study Ordinance**

12 Ernie Harkness explained that the ordinance will be on the March 16th BOS agenda. At that
13 meeting the BOS will decide if the ordinance should go to the CCPC. Any comments
14 regarding the ordinance can be made at the public meeting and/or can be addressed at the
15 next Planning Commission meeting that will be held after the ordinance is returned from
16 the CCPC. The Pipeline TF members agreed to attend the March 16th meeting to make their
17 recommendations on the proposed consultation zone of 660 feet. Christina stated that the
18 ordinance should use the same language that is used in the PHMSA documents referring to
19 site-specific distance.

20 21 **Water Testing**

22 Gerry stated that there would be value for the Township to perform additional surface and
23 ground water testing. He also suggested that input be provided from a professional
24 hydrogeologist such as Dr. Sasowsky.

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26 David stated that the Board would be amendable to hear recommendations regarding
27 water testing that include the goal of what is being examined, how often and the associated
28 costs.

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30 Christina reported that the Willistown Conversation Trust presented at the recent
31 Conservancy Board meeting. They are conducting a study of water sampling that includes
32 various locations such as the near the Blacksmith Shop in the Township. Christina will
33 invite them to a future Pipeline TF meeting.

34 35 **Any Other Matter**

36 Christina reported that she purchased an air monitor and is participating in a national air
37 quality program that can be viewed at purpleair.com/map.

38 39 **Adjournment**

40 The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

41 The next meeting is Thursday, April 8, 2021, at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

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43 Respectfully submitted,

44 *Susan D'Amore*

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