

**PIPELINE TASK FORCE WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, April 8, 2021
TELE CONFERENCE
FINAL MINUTES**

Members Present:

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

Others Present

David Shuey, Township Supervisor; Rick Smith, Township Manager; Abby Diebold from Senator John Kane's office; Dr. Ira Sasowsky

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>

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Bill called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and Christina led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Christina called for a moment of silence for those serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, those suffering from the COVID-19 pandemic and for the US Capitol police officers.

Recording

Bill announced that the meeting is recorded to the cloud via Zoom meeting settings.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from March 11, 2021, were unanimously approved.

Public Comment – None

Chairperson's Report

Jeannine DelVescovo introduced herself and explained she has a vested interest in the community and the safety of the residents.

Jim Christenson introduced himself and explained he joined the Pipeline TF because he would like to participate in helping to protect the Township residents.

- Adelphia Valve Station – Rick reported that Adelphia started mobilizing at the Paoli Pike site on April 6 to prepare for the valve work that is scheduled for completion by May 7. Bill expressed concern about air quality and emissions from the valve. There was discussion about whether there would be a flare and/or sound when a blow down occurred. Rick confirmed that there will be no flare at this site.
- David stated that it would be helpful to know Adelphia's construction timeline and maintenance schedule. The TF is to provide Bill questions for Adelphia. Bill will compile the questions and forward to Rick for submission to Adelphia.
- The TF discussed submitting a Township newsletter article that would explain Adelphia's process.
- Christina added that she purchased an air quality monitor that is currently monitoring from her back yard. She said that if the TF and Township would find it useful, the monitor could be moved to various locations in order to collect air quality data.

The TF discussed the drilling problems at the Chester County Library. David added that DEP asked Sunoco for a remediation plan.

Old Business

Report - Dr. Ira Sasowsky's progress

Dr. Ira Sasowsky provided a copy of his draft report that was distributed to the TF members prior to the meeting. Dr. Sasowsky said that it does not appear that the subsidence is related to the ongoing installation of ME2, and that it was not caused by an IR. A clearly identified cause is not known.

Dr. Sasowsky listed the following as possible causes of the subsidence:

- Underground utilities
- The abandoned well on the property
- Rotting wood (PennDOT's investigation report noted that there was a rotting tree, silt, and water.)

Dr. Sasowsky added the subsidence does not appear to be on a fracture trace. There is no imminent danger of collapse and risk is categorized as minimal. Dr. Sasowsky recommended that the well be capped or properly abandoned. Dr. Sasowsky recommends that this area be examined and monitored on a regular basis to confirm that the subsidence does not get larger and that no additional low spots develop in the area.

Christina asked if the final report could reflect that PennDOT's backfilling of the excavation was not a remediation of the subsidence.

Rick asked about the effects of water chasing the pipeline. Dr. Sasowsky stated that water could carry away the sediment and stated that he will add to the report.

Bill questioned that if another subsidence occurs in the future, what should the next steps be? Dr. Sasowsky replied that excavation with independent oversight would be the proper course of action.

Rick will contact the property owner to request they properly cap the well.

Christina suggested and the TF agreed to provide an introduction letter for the final report that will be added to the Township's website and other communications.

Legislative Update

Bill explained that he has been invited to attend Zoom meetings in order to provide TF updates to Senator Kane's and Representative Herrin's offices.

Liaison Reports

Conservancy Board - Christina stated that she reached out to invite the Williamstown Conservation Group to attend a meeting to talk about their water testing program. She has not heard back and will follow up.

Planning Commission – Bill stated that the Pipeline Safety Awareness Ordinance has been sent to Chester County. Rick added that the Planning Commission should talk about this at their May meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next meeting is Thursday, May 13, 2021, at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan D'Amore

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