

**PIPELINE TASK FORCE WORKSHOP  
THURSDAY, May 13, 2021  
TELE CONFERENCE  
FINAL MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

Chair Caroline Hughes, 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; Lauren McGrath Willistown Conservation

**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>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**

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 those who lost their lives for our country, those serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, those battling the pandemic.

**Recording**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from April 8, 2021, were unanimously approved as amended.

## **Public Comment – None**

## **Chairperson’s Report - None**

### **Old Business**

David announced that the Chester County Planning Commission comments on the Planning Commission’s Pipeline Awareness Ordinance were distributed. Caroline will forward to the TF and will discuss at the next meeting.

### **New Business**

#### **Chester County District Attorney**

Caroline explained that the Chester County District Attorney’s Office filed a civil complaint on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania against Energy Transfer. The complaint is seeking to stop or reduce the number of nuisances that risk the health, safety and welfare of Chester County residents regarding activities connected with the ME Pipeline.

Christina explained that she previously pursued a public nuisance ordinance in EGT.

Caroline made the motion that in light of the recent consent decree by the Chester County District Attorney, Deb Ryan, and given the proposed pipeline and other infrastructure projects underway and proposed in East Goshen Township, the PTF asks the BOS to revisit the current public nuisance ordinance as it relates to pipeline construction, maintenance and operations and furthermore to identify any gaps in the current ordinance that would need to be addressed so the Township can utilize any and all municipal enforcement and/or mitigation powers in order to protect the health, welfare and safety of our citizens. Bill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Willistown Conservation Trust Water Sampling Program**

Lauren McGrath, Director of the Watershed Protection program at the Willistown Conversation Trust, introduced herself. Locally, the program monitors the quality and health of the waterways using different parameters. There are 3 locations in East Goshen Township that collect samples; 2 in Historic Goshenville and 1 in Ashbridge Preserve.

Lauren explained that data has been collected since 2018 (with a 9-month data gap due to COVID). The program’s goal is to gather an understanding of what is happening in sensitive water ways. Noting the proximity of the pipeline to Ridley creek, she offered to help or collaborate with the TF.

Bill asked if there are noticeable differences in the water that could be attributed to the pipeline. Lauren responded that a report on the general wellness of the waterway will be complete by this summer. The report may show degradation of the water wellness, but the cause will not be clearly determined.

Christina stated that a monitor station at the Paoli Pike site would be beneficial. The importance to protect the headwater within the water shed was stressed.

Gerry added that water sampling could indirectly assist in finding problems caused from the pipeline by examining the effects on the geology.

Christina queried the TF for interest in attending a workshop and/or building a monitor so that it can be placed near the Adelpia site.

**Liaison Reports**

Jim reminded the TF to take the survey from the Futurist Committee.

**Any Other Matter**

The Pipeline TF agreed to meet virtually for June, July and August. The TF will reevaluate in person vs. virtual meetings in August for the fall of 2021.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The next meeting is Thursday, June 10, 2021, at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Susan D'Amore*

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