

**PIPELINE TASK FORCE WORKSHOP  
THURSDAY, June 10, 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**

Representative Dianne Herrin; Rick Smith, Township Manager; Derek Davis, Interim 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>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 serving our county, those battling the pandemic and for our first responders.

**Recording**

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

**Public Comment**

Public comment was conducted during specific meeting topics.

## **New Business**

### **Representative Dianne Herrin**

Representative Herrin expressed gratitude to the TF for sharing their wealth of knowledge. She met with Representatives Sappey and Otten to begin working on safety strategies. They intend to put together an action plan that will be reviewed with the county and taken to Attorney General Shapiro. She also wants to work with the TF to identify the most important actions needed.

Caroline stated that the PUC needs to be pressed for a rapid safety report and promptly hold the operator responsible. She explained that over 2 years ago the PUC requested public comment regarding rule making for hazard liquid and highly volatile pipelines. Detailed suggestions were provided by the Pipeline TF, the BOS and other citizens. To date, nothing has changed.

Bill added that the PUC and DEP are the two (2) state agencies that need to accept responsibility for enforcement and oversight of the pipelines.

Caroline emphasized that emergency services workers cannot treat ME situations with an all-hazards response approach.

Melissa DiBernardino, 1502 Old Orchard Lane, feels that East Goshen should acknowledge that the all-hazards approach is not a plan to be used for ME and that there needs to be a better public awareness program.

Representative Herrin agreed that all the Townships need support this specific response. Christina suggested that Representative Herrin contact Tim Boyce, Director of Emergency Services in Delaware County.

Judi questioned the party responsible for overseeing applying for the hazard mitigation federal grants. Representative Herrin will contact the newly formed bipartisan group of legislators / staffers for assistance.

### **Boot Road Pump Station Leak Discussion**

The TF discussed that the communication to the residents was difficult and confusing. They also discussed how emergency service workers responded and handled the incident.

Christina suggested inviting Tim Boyce to the next Pipeline TF meeting.

Caroline made a motion to ask the Board of Supervisors to meet with Department of Emergency Services in conjunction with West Goshen Township and to discuss the topic of public notification and provide a standard operating procedure (SOP) for pipeline emergencies. Bill W. seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Caroline made a motion to ask the Board of Supervisors to publicly acknowledge that an all-hazards response to Mariner East is not sufficient for public notification and emergency response. Jim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

#### **Planning Commission Pipeline Awareness Ordinance**

Derek clarified that at the last Board of Supervisors it was moved to not accept the County recommendations for this ordinance but to go forward with the Planning Commission's recommendations. The hearing is scheduled for July 6.

Christina explained that at the last Board of Supervisors meeting it was stated that this ordinance was put together with input from the PLTF. She feels the ordinance was produced despite the Pipeline TF's input. She noted that although some of the recommendations were included (requirement for a PA license engineer and a statement that it did not apply to small residential projects), some of the most important ones submitted by the TF were omitted (adoption of the CC standard ordinance template, consideration of to use the specific calculation and the 1000-foot standard distance from the tract.)

#### **Noise/Construction draft ordinances as they pertain to pipeline nuisances**

Caroline thinks that a specific task force from various ABCs would be best to address the noise/construction draft ordinances.

Derek explained that the initial thought was the Pipeline TF would first look at the ordinances and provide feedback to the Planning Commission. There was also discussion regarding a new ordinance for all public nuisances. Derek will follow up and inform the group.

Bill and Margie Guyer, 1560 Tanglewood Drive stated that they have issues and concerns with the draft ordinance. They also previously raised this concern at the November 19, 2019, BOS meeting.

#### **Chester County Vulnerability Assessment of Hazardous Liquid and Gas pipeline**

This topic was tabled for the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from May 13, 2021, were unanimously approved.

### **Any Other Matter**

Bill W. noted that the TF was the first of its kind and that was formed for the safety of the Township and residents. The TF has this specific role that although may unpopular, it is an important one.

Christine stated that Michele has a tour planned of Sunoco's Houston facility and would like to collect questions from the TF.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
*Susan D'Amore*

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