

East Goshen Township
Pipeline Task Force Meeting Agenda
Thursday, November 18, 2021
East Goshen Township Building
6:30 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence
3. Ask if anyone is recording the meeting.
4. Approval of Minutes
October 14, 2021
5. Public Comment
6. Chairperson's Report
7. Reports
 - a. Legislative Update
8. Old Business
 - a. 352 Subsidence update
 - b. Adelpia Communications
 - c. Williams Company Pipeline Plans
9. New Business
 - a. ET Update regarding Line Road Maintenance
 - b. Begin discussion for 2022 Goals/2021 Accomplishments in preparation for the 1/25/22 Annual Meeting
10. Liaison Reports
11. Any Other Matter
12. Correspondence
13. Adjournment

1 PIPELINE TASK FORCE
2 THURSDAY, October 14, 2021
3 East Goshen Township Building
4 DRAFT MINUTES
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6 **Members Present:**

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

11 Township Supervisors David Shuey and John Hertzog; Township Manager Derek Davis
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13 **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>DES</i>	<i>Department of Emergency Services</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>FEMA</i>	<i>Federal Emergency Management Agency</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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15 **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

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

19 Caroline called for a moment of silence for all those serving in the armed forces, those
20 that have lost their lives serving and for all those helping during the pandemic.
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22 **Approval of Minutes**

23 The minutes from September 9, 2021, were unanimously approved.
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25 **Public Comment**

26 Caroline referenced an email from resident Joe Buonanno. Mr. Buonanno praised the
27 work done by the East Goshen Pipeline TF. He referenced ET's insurance liability and

1 how extraction tax would benefit Pennsylvania. Caroline encouraged Mr. Buonanno to
2 contact his local and state representatives. Caroline will forward the email to the group.

3 4 **Chairperson's Report**

5 Caroline recommended a 45-minute podcast from WHYY on ME. The podcast
6 summarizes the project's problems, the challenges residents have faced, and the lessons
7 learned. Caroline will forward the [link](#) to the TF.

8 9 **Legislative Updates**

10 Bill stated that he received an update from Representative Dianne Herrin's office
11 regarding the meeting with Joe McGinn from Energy Transfer. He emailed the group the
12 extensive review.

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14 Highlights are as follows:

- 15 • **Grant for gas meter approval for Fire Chiefs Association** – Mr. McGinn
16 responded that they are not eligible and was unwavering in his position.
- 17 • **Public Education/Emergency Response Planning** – Mr. McGinn indicated that
18 responsibility for this planning lies within the government.
- 19 • **Representative Otten's HB1364** – Representative Herrin asked for support for
20 this bill which could provide municipalities with the resources needed to
21 independently monitor the pipeline and request independent risk assessments as
22 a basis for emergency preparedness planning. Mr. McGinn declined stating that
23 Energy Transfer is offering its own grants to municipalities for emergency
24 preparedness planning.
 - 25 ○ Christina noted that Goshen Fire Company received a grant. She stated
26 that the article in *The Daily Local* did not reflect the experiences correctly
27 and was not conforming with Chester County. She stated that ET uses this
28 opportunity for them to be highlighted complementarily. Christina does
29 not support the individual grant process.
- 30 • Representative Herrin scheduled a **rally** in Harrisburg's rotunda for Monday,
31 October 25 at 11 am. She, along with Senator Muth and Representative Otten, will
32 continue to demand that Governor Wolf halt all new Mariner East permits.
- 33 • Representative Herrin is working with residents living on Boot Road that have
34 wells that have dried up.

35 36 **October 6th letter to Governor Wolf**

37 Caroline noted her disappointment that Senator Kane abstained from signing the
38 October 6th letter which asked Governor Wolf, Secretary McDonnell and Chairwoman
39 Brown Dutrieuille to halt the ME project. She noted that his silence speaks volumes. She
40 again encouraged all to email state and local representatives.

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42 David asked about the status of hazard mitigation. He was under the impression that the
43 Barnes decision required it. Caroline responded that it has been in "limbo" since March
44 2021.

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46 David asked about the status of the End-of-Life Study. Caroline responded that it might
47 be complete but not yet released.

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Old Business

Subsidence update

The TF did not discuss this at the meeting.

Pipeline Hazard Vulnerability Response from EMS)

Derek previously shared with the TF the County’s response to the Township’s comment on the Chester County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Caroline expressed disappointment that the TF’s comments were not allowed. The TF strongly feels that their comments need to be included in the plan. Derek agreed to draft and send a letter to Chester County Emergency Services.

Revisit All Hazards Approach with DES

Gerry asked if a follow-up meeting between with DES and the EGT BOS ever took place, to which David replied no. There was discussion regarding the all-hazards approach not being a fit for pipeline emergencies. Gerry noted that the all-hazards approach may not be able to be applied to a leak but could possibly be used for an explosion. It was agreed that both the BOS and the TF are not in the position to compose a plan for pipeline emergencies. It was noted that the County has advertised an RFP for the development of an addition to their operations plan that is specific to NGL pipeline hazards.

Judi asked if there is a past NGL incident that can be used as a model. Caroline stated that the San Bruno CA and the Texas railroad incidents could be referenced. The TF discussed how these compare to a nuclear incident.

Action Items from Discussion:

- David will contact the County for more information on this process. He will inquire if the BOS and Pipeline TF can provide comment to it.
- David will contact Ernie Harkness regarding nuclear hazard mitigation
- Staff will ask Stephen Hiro, EMS and Vinnie D’Amico, Assistant EMS, to attend future Pipeline TF meetings.

New Business

Attorney General Criminal Charges against Sunoco

Caroline explained that 48 counts of criminal charges were brought against ET by the Attorney General’s office. These charges were for environmental crimes; no public safety charges were included. It was noted that Attorney General Shapiro is asking for residents to contact his office if they feel their drinking water or property has been impacted by ET inadvertent returns.

David will announce this at the next BOS meeting on 10/29/21. Susan will post on the website, Next Door and send out via Constant Contact.

Adelphia

Caroline noted that the PennEast project was canceled because they were not able to secure the required permits. There was discussion about the affect this may have on Adelphia. Caroline will reach out to Eve Miari from Clean Air Council.

1 Bill asked if the Township has an Adelpia contact. Susan will check with Derek (He had
2 left the meeting at this time.) if the Township has a contact. The TF would like to ask
3 Adelpia about notifications to residents regarding blowdown occurrences and
4 scheduled preventive maintenance. Christina added that a Community Education
5 Program could be included in the next Township Newsletter. **Addendum: Newsletter**
6 **Article due 11/19/21.**

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8 Christina informed the group of a new pipeline project from the Williams company, a
9 supplier of natural gas.

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11 It was agreed to keep Adelpia and Williams on the next agenda.

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13 **Next Meeting**

14 The TF agreed to meet on Thursday, November 18, 2021, @ 6:30 pm instead of
15 November 11, 2021.

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17 **Liaison Reports** - None

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19 **Any Other Matter**

20 Jim will represent the TF at the Parks and Recreation Commission Toddler Trick-or-
21 Treat event on 10/29.

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23 **Adjournment**

24 The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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26 The next meeting will be in person on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 6:30 pm.

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28 Respectfully submitted,
29 Susan D'Amore

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352 Subsidence

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