

**PIPELINE TASK FORCE
THURSDAY, November 18, 2021
East Goshen Township Building
DRAFT MINUTES**

Members Present:

Chair Caroline Hughes, Vice Chair Bill Wegemann; Members: Jim Christenson, Christina Morley, Gerry Sexton

Others Present

Township Supervisors David Shuey; Township Manager Derek Davis

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>

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Caroline called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Caroline called for a moment of silence for Officer Josh Micun, who passed away from a COVID-related illness, and for his family.

Recording

Caroline announced that the meeting is being recorded.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from October 14, 2021, were unanimously approved as amended.

Public Comment

None

Chairperson's Report

Caroline reported:

1. The PUC met and directed Sunoco to take public safety actions. A few actions were outlined:
 - A comprehensive review of Sunoco's public awareness program.
 - A written plan to enhance Sunoco's public awareness and emergency notification plans.
 - Scheduling by Sunoco of public awareness/education meetings to be held in the School District.

Caroline stated that she is pleased that there is some accountability; however, she is concerned about the vague nature of the penalties.

Christina referenced the section that stated:

"Sharing the results of any geophysical test reports, inspection and evaluation reports assessing the condition of its pipelines located in East Goshen Township or Middletown Township to Township Supervisors or their designee engineering consultants at least on an annual basis and more frequently while construction is ongoing, pursuant to any non-disclosure agreements Sunoco Pipeline, L.P. deems necessary to protect its confidential security information."

She stated that these reports were never deemed as confidential security information (CSI). She questioned whether the Township should have the solicitor review. It was agreed that the solicitor can advocate for the Township and its residents.

Landowners should be able to get the geophysical testing reports.

Caroline made a motion to amend agenda to discuss the latest PUC ruling and consider seeking solicitor review. Bill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Caroline made a motion to request that the Board of Supervisors consult with the Township solicitor to review the PUC ruling and verify that there is a legal basis for Sunoco to claim CSI for the geophysical testing information and for the reports to be made public. Christina seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Middletown Township appealed the ruling on the releasing of pipeline records based on last month's ruling from a Delaware County Judge. Caroline stated that East Goshen should pay attention to surrounding Townships and learn from Middletown's mistakes.
3. DEP issued two (2) notice of violations (NOVs) to ET for ignoring the order to conduct a geological investigation and provide a report on the sink holes near the Chester County library.

Legislative Updates

None.

Old Business

Subsidence update

Derek provided the latest measurements of the subsidence on Route 352 that were recorded from July 2021 until present. The measurements indicated that the size of the subsidence has not changed.

Bill asked if there was a baseline measurement from when the subsidence was first reported. Derek will get the previous measurements.

Christina informed the group that several residents have asked her about the black soil on the Matlack Florist property on Route 352.

Adelphia Update

Caroline stated that Eve Miari from Clean Air Council may be able to come to the next meeting to discuss the plans for the Adelphia pipeline.

Derek stated that he has a contact for Adelphia. Prior to contacting them for information, he would like to gather a list of questions.

Questions discussed by the TF in reference to the Adelphia tower on Paoli Pike:

- What is Adelphia's utilization plan?
- Is any product currently running through the Adelphia pipeline?
- How often will a blowdown occur?
- What is the anticipate noise level from a blowdown (decibels)?
- How much material will be released in the atmosphere during a blowdown?
- What is their public notification plan?

David added that the Township should asked Adelphia to install infrared gas monitoring alarms at the line of site to detect gases and will notify Chester County.

Bill asked how the Township could notify residents. David and Derek responded LED sign, Website, Constant Contact and Nextdoor. David suggested using the Police Blotter – Crimewatch. EMS would also need to be notified.

Christina suggested that Derek ask Adelphia to send a representative to a public meeting for a Q&A with residents.

Williams Pipelines

Derek said that he has not been in contact with a representative from Williams. It was discussed that it would be beneficial to find out their plan and if the pipeline will affect East Goshen Township.

Action Items from the October 14th meeting:

- David reported that he contacted Commissioner Marion Moskowitz about East Goshen providing comments to the County's Pipeline Hazard Vulnerability assessment. She was alarmed and requested a copy of the Township letter. Commissioner Moskowitz explained that the County is having difficulty finding

people to response to the RFP that was advertised for the development of an addition to their operations plan for NGL pipeline hazards.

- David stated that the Commissioner is aware that the all-hazards approach does not work for NGL pipelines. She agreed to have Ernie Harkness participate since he has experience with nuclear hazard mitigation.
- Derek will look into a contact that he has with the company: Integrated Disaster Solutions.

New Business

ET Update regarding Line Road Maintenance

Caroline explained that it is important for the Township to know ET's plan and what is involved with the cathodic protection repair. ET has started clearing the brush and plans to start the work on 12/13/21.

Gerry provided research and questions regarding this maintenance that were reviewed. He asked if these questions could be sent to Sunoco. There was discussion about sending these questions to the PUC, DEP and the County Commissioners. The TF agreed that Gerry will send his list to the TF for edits and then forward to Derek. Derek will send an email to Sunoco before the Thanksgiving Holiday. Once the response is received, Derek will send 1) a letter to the BOS with the answers and 2) send a response back to Sunoco. It will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Begin discussion for 2022 Goals/2021 Accomplishments in preparation for the 1/25/22 Annual Meeting

The group discussed some of the accomplishments of the TF over 2021. It was agreed that the group will review the minutes from 2021 and summarize. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Liaison Reports

Jim reported that the Futurist Committee is compiling another survey to send to residents.

Any Other Matter

Caroline and Christina announced that they will not be seeking reappointment for the next term serving on the Pipeline TF. The TF will then have two (2) openings as of 2022.

Adjournment

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

Next Meeting

The next meeting is on Thursday, December 9, 2021, @ 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan D'Amore

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