

**PIPELINE TASK FORCE
THURSDAY, December 9, 2021
East Goshen Township Building
FINAL MINUTES**

Members Present:

Chair Caroline Hughes, Vice Chair Bill Wegemann; Members: Jim Christenson, Jeannine DelVescovo, Judi DiFonzo, 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 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Caroline called for a moment of silence for those serving and for our first responders, especially those that responded to the recent incident at East High School.

Recording

The meeting was not being recorded.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from November 18, 2021, were unanimously approved as amended.

Public Comment

None

Chairperson's Report

Caroline reported on the recent Marsh Creek Settlement. The TF discussed the settlement and fines. Sunoco will not be modifying the placement of the pipeline and is able to resume construction. Caroline stated that there is a 45-day open comment period starting on December 11, 2021.

Legislative Updates

None.

Old Business

Adelphia Status

Derek reported that he spoke to a representative at Adelphia and emailed the TF prior to the meeting. The key points were discussed:

- The East Goshen location is not used for planned maintenance. It is too far south.
- The valve will be checked every six months (2 times a year) as required by law. It will not be vented.
- If venting is necessary, Adelphia will inform local 911, the Township and surrounding residents. A muffler would also be installed when venting to suppress the noise.
- There is no product running through the pipeline. It is planned to start running natural gas in Quarter 1 of 2022.

Sunoco Pipeline Maintenance - Line Road

Derek contacted Sunoco and provided the TF with the answers to their submitted questions. The TF reviewed the list and discussed the following:

- Sunoco needs to clarify what is meant by "refined product".
- How far away and at what depth is Sunoco placing the anode from the pipeline.
- Has the soil type been considered?

Caroline asked if the Township would drive by to monitor the work when it is being done. Derek replied that code enforcement and public works would monitor. However, unless Sunoco is in violation of the permit, there is nothing the Township can site. Derek mentioned that he will keep an eye on this area as the spring arises to ensure the ground is reestablished.

Update on Solicitor's review of PUC Ruling

Derek informed the group that based on the motion from the 11/18 meeting, Guy Donatelli was contacted to review the PUC ruling and verify that there is a legal basis for Sunoco to claim confidential security information (CSI) for the geophysical testing information and for the reports to be made public.

William Company Pipeline

Derek reported that he needs to obtain a contact in the engineering or policy departments at the Williams Pipeline Company. Williams is not planning on expansion work within East Goshen Township.

Subsidence update

There was discussion that the pipeline maps indicate that the pipeline exists on the other side of the road than what was represented to Ira last year. Bill reported that he emailed Dr. Ira for insight; however, without hiring him, no information was provided.

2021 Accomplishments

Prior to the meeting, Gerry provided a list of accomplishments based on the minutes from the year. The TF agreed to the list with the addition of:

- Jointly sent letter (8/27/21) to PUC sharing concerns with the CC Commissioners and requested immediate shut down of the Pipeline.

2022 Goals

The TF agreed to the following Goals:

1. Explore Development of EGT Specific hazard mitigation plan
2. Communication of Evacuation and Notification Plan
3. Continue monitoring all 11 active pipeline activities in EGT
4. Coordinate meetings with EGT EMC to review EMC's role in outline NGL Pipeline Safety. Possibly develop a special emergency evacuation plan.
5. Contribute to the East Goshen Township Newsletter Quarterly
6. Provide ongoing presence at the Chester County Monthly Sunshine meetings
7. Revisit noise and public nuisance ordinances.

New Business

None

Liaison Reports

None

Any Other Matter

Bill thanked Caroline and Christina for their dedicated service to the Pipeline TF. They will be missed. The TF will have two (2) openings as of 2022.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is on Thursday, January 13, 2022, @ 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan D'Amore

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