

PIPELINE TASK FORCE
THURSDAY, February 10, 2022
East Goshen Township Building
FINAL MINUTES

Members Present:

Vice Chair Bill Wegemann; Members: Jim Christenson, Jeannine DelVescovo, Judi DiFonzo, 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>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

Bill called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Bill called for a moment of silence for all first responders, the armed forces and for all the nurses and doctors.

Recording

The meeting was not being recorded.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from December 9, 2021, were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

None

Chairperson's Report

Bill stated that he represented the TF at the Annual ABC Planning meeting held on 1/25/22. Bill reported that potential future changes to the TF were discussed and explained that this is on the agenda for the current meeting.

Legislative Updates

Bill reported that there are no legislative updates.

New Business

8a. Possible Changes to the Pipeline Task Force

Bill reported that at the ABC planning meeting there was discussion on possibly combining the TF with the Planning Commission.

David explained that the Board's perspective is not to combine the TF with another ABC, but renaming the TF and to refocus its efforts towards more hazard mitigation and safety evacuation plans.

Derek added that broadly among ABCs, the following changes are under review: combine meeting nights, possibly meet less frequently (every other month), have ABC members record their meeting notes internally.

David said that currently all is status quo with the TF and that this is an emerging dialogue among the Board. As liaison, he will gather input from the TF and present the ideas to the Board. Now that the pipeline is in the ground, what does EGT need regarding pipeline activities in the next two years? A few topics discussed were: 1) Evacuation planning, 2) Hazard mitigation, 3) Enhance communication between and with Sunoco, the Township, and its residents.

Bill made a motion that future Pipeline Task Force meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month and workshops will be held the 4th Thursday of the month as needed. All meetings will be held in the township building. Also, the TF has the option to cancel a monthly meeting as needed with one week notice. Jim seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The TF discussed options for a new name for the TF. The TF agreed that it could become a committee with the name "Pipeline Safety and Public Awareness".

Gerry said that although it is important to have an evacuation plan, this group by itself is not qualified to develop one. They could provide input and comments. David reminded the TF that Chester County has an Advisory Board addressing this.

Jim made a motion that future Pipeline Task Force meetings will be at 5:30 pm instead of 6:30 pm. Bill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8b. Election of Pipeline Task Force Officers for 2022

Jim nominated Gerry for Chair. Judi seconded. Gerry accepted. The nomination was unanimous. Jeannine nominated Jim for Vice Chair. Bill seconded. Jim accepted. The nomination was unanimous.

8c. Sunoco work on Boot Rd in front of Wellington

There was discussion about the communication between Sunoco and the Township in reference to the work on Boot Rd in front of Wellington. Derek said that he does not think that a PA One Call is sufficient notification from Sunoco to the Township. Sunoco also did not notify Wellington that any work was taking place.

Judi asked Derek if the Township has formally provided Sunoco with the notification information the Township's contacts.

Everyone agreed that the Township will codify the Township's contacts with a letter sent to Sunoco and all companies that have pipelines in EGT. This letter will list Derek Davis as the first contact and Mark Miller as the second. It will also emphasize that 811 is not a sufficient way to notify EGT.

Bill question if there is a penalty if Sunoco violates this. Derek said that he will verify this the solicitor and ask how Judge Barnes' decision impacts it.

Old Business

9a. 2021 Accomplishments & 2022 Goals presented at ABC Meeting on 1/25/22.

Bill recapped the goals that were presented at the ABC meeting. It was agreed that due to possible changes regarding the ABCs, the TF would not (at this time) prioritize the objective to fill vacancies and increase the number of active members from the current five to the full staff level of seven.

Judi asked for the newsletter deadline dates be published on the agenda for reference.

The TF agreed that they will not attend Chester County Sunshine Meetings regularly.

Derek reported that the Township is working on addressing a construction wide noise ordinance.

9b. Updates

Solicitor's review of PUC Ruling

Derek will follow up with solicitor at the next BOS executive session to be held on 2/15/22.

Sunoco Pipeline Maintenance - Line Road

Derek noted that he was notified properly of this work. It has been completed and seeded and strawed as required.

Adelphia Status

Derek reported that East Goshen will not be used for planned maintenance. It is too far south. The valve will be checked 2 time a year. It is planned to start running natural gas end of Quarter 1 of 2022.

352 Subsidence

Derek will provide an update at the next meeting.

Bill requested that the future agendas include as standing items:

- Wellington activity update
- Line Road Update
- 352 Subsidence Update

Liaison Reports

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is on Thursday, March 10, 2022, @ 5:30 pm. Note revised start time.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan D'Amore

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