

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

Members Present:

Chair Gerry Sexton; Vice Chair Jim Christenson; Members: Judi DiFonzo; Bill Wegemann

Others Present

Township Manager Derek Davis, Township Supervisor David Shuey

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>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

Gerry called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Gerry called for a moment of silence for Mark Miller and his family as they mourn the loss of his wife, Dot.

Recording

The meeting was not being recorded.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from February 10, 2022, were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

None

Chairperson's Report

Gerry received an email from Christina Morley regarding the purchase and installation of a water monitoring system near the Adelphia valve station on Paoli Pike. This is an online system that would monitor and report pollutants in the creek near the valve station. Gerry outlined the initial and ongoing costs. The Willistown Conservancy has already implemented a plan for monitoring local water ways including Ridley Creek. Gerry recommended and the TF agreed that the Township not pursue this system at this time. Gerry will keep the information for future reference.

Legislative Updates

Gerry reported that Dianne Herrin will not be running for reelection. There was discussion that this is unfortunate because Representative Herrin was an advocate for pipeline safety.

New Business

8a. Adelphia Gateway monitoring and preparation for operations

Gerry asked Derek if Adelphia provided an update regarding the aerial inspection work that was done recently in preparation of their pipeline conversion to natural gas. Derek replied that he did not receive an update. Derek continued that Adelphia was originally planning to go active in Q1 of 2022 but this will now take place Q2 of 2022. Derek added that based on Federal regulations, Adelphia will be putting in new markers and some may be placed on resident's properties.

8b. PUC Invites Public Comments on Enhancements to Regulations for Petroleum and Hazardous Liquids Pipelines

Gerry stated the Chester County Planning Commission posted an announcement on their website stating that the PUC published a notice on February 12 inviting public comment on a Proposed Rulemaking Regarding Hazardous Liquid Public Utility Safety Standards. There is a 60-day window for comment. Gerry asked Derek if he was notified to which he responded no.

Gerry explained that this invitation for comments was the outcome of a meeting and an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking from 2019.

Judi mentioned that the BOS previously made comments to this.

The TF discussed if additional comments should be provided prior to the sixty (60) day deadline. Gerry will review the document published on February 12 and compare it to what the BOS already submitted. If needed, the TF can provide additional comments and Derek can place this item on a future BOS agenda.

Old Business

9a. Sunoco work on Boot Rd in front of Wellington

Derek reported that he is currently working with the Township solicitor on this issue. The Township is planning to send a letter to Sunoco strongly stating that PA One Call is

not sufficient notification of future work. ET/Sunoco needs to notify both Derek Davis and Mark Miller from the Township.

9b. Sunoco Pipeline Maintenance Line Road

Derek explained that Sunoco will be back to complete seeding this area along with the Wellington and other areas as needed. The Township will monitor that these areas are properly restored.

Gerry raised concern that there may be some sink holes or erosion prior to the completion of seeding. Derek stated that this will be monitored.

Bill asked Derek if there is any ET work currently active in the Township to which Derek responded no. However, work was just recently performed in West Goshen. The Township communicated this on the Township's website, Constant Contact and Social Media outlets.

9c. 352 Subsidence

Derek reported that Public Works has been measuring the subsidence area weekly and there has been no change to the size. Future measuring will continue; however, it will be done monthly instead of weekly. Judi asked about the maintenance of the property. Derek responded that is the responsibility of the property owner.

9d. Sunoco Mariner East DEP permit renewal

Derek stated that in January comments to the DEP were submitted per the TF suggestions. Derek received an automated message that the comments were received but has not received any other status.

Gerry explained that he is unsure if DEP has fully approved all the permits required for Sunoco to continue. Gerry noted that the DEP held its public hearing on 3/8/22 and is accepting comments until 3/11/22. He encouraged all to submit comments if they haven't already done so.

Liaison Reports

None

Any Other Matter

Judy thinks the TF should put a letter in the upcoming Township newsletters. The next article is due May 19 for the summer newsletter. Gerry asked that this item be kept on the agenda for further discussion in April. This allows for the TF to approve a draft at the May meeting in time for publication in the summer newsletter.

Bill mentioned that at the last meeting it was discussed the BOS is examining consolidating ABCs. He noted with the current world events unfolding, the focus on the TF could become more prominent and may shift as the use of domestic pipelines could become forefront (e.g., repurposing inactive and active lines). Jim added it was noted that the BOS would not be disband the Pipeline TF but may rename it.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is on Thursday, April 14, 2022, @ 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan D'Amore

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