

**PIPELINE TASK FORCE
THURSDAY, April 14, 2022
East Goshen Township Building
FINAL MINUTES**

Members Present are highlighted:

Chair Gerry Sexton; Vice Chair Jim Christenson

Members; Judi DiFonzo, Jeannine DelVescovo, Bill Wegemann

Others Present

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>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 5:33 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Gerry called for a moment of silence for PA State Troopers Martin Mack and Branden Sisca who were killed in the line of duty on March 21, 2022, on Interstate 95.

Recording

The meeting was not being recorded.

Approval of Minutes

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

Public Comment

None

Chairperson's Report

Gerry shared highlights from an article in The Associated Press reporting that the US Transportation Department adopted a new rule for installation of pipeline emergency shutoff valves. This rule is in response to past pipeline incidents that occurred across the country. While this is a step in the right direction, it is not a cure-all solution since it only applies to newly constructed or replaced pipelines. Also, even with these shutoff valves and other emergency measures, a significant amount of hazardous material could be released during an accident due to the high operating pressure and long distances between the valves in the pipeline.

Legislative Updates

Bill explained that he reached out to the offices of Carolyn Comitta and Diane Herrin asking for additional comments to the PUC Rulemaking Standards. He has not yet received a response.

Old Business

8a. Sunoco work on Boot Rd in front of Wellington AND

8b. Sunoco Pipeline Maintenance Line Road

Derek reported that Sunoco is wrapping up the work at these two areas by applying soil and seed. The Township will monitor to ensure that the grass is growing.

8c. 352 Subsidence

Derek reported that Public Works has been measuring the subsidence area and that there have been no changes.

8d. PTF Newsletter Article for Summer 2022

Jim volunteered to draft the article for the Township's Summer newsletter. The role of the TF was discussed including an explanation of who the TF is, the goal(s) of the TF, and possibly some safety information. Susan will send Jim the link to the [Chester County Public Preparedness Guide](#). Jim will share a copy of the draft with the TF. They will review and approve at the next meeting.

8e. Sunoco Mariner East DEP permit renewal

Gerry explained that in response to Sunoco's permit amendment request regarding restoration work near Marsh Creek Lake, the DEP determined Sunoco's application met the requirements of DEP's regulations and therefore was approved on 4/7/22. Sunoco must follow the terms of the associated Consent Order and Agreement.

New Business

9a. Comments on PUC Rulemaking Regarding Hazardous Liquid Public Utility Safety Standards (Docket No. L-2019-3010267)

Derek stated that he successfully submitted the TF's comments to the PUC on April 13, 2022. Gerry was able to view the comments on the PUC website. He scanned some of the many other comments on the site and did not notice anything unexpected.

Liaison Reports

Jim will be attending the next Futurist Committee Meeting.

Any Other Matter

Derek informed the TF that Susan will be retiring from the Township on May 6, 2022. He would like one of the TF members to produce the minutes.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is on Thursday, May 12, 2022, @ 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan D'Amore

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