

**PIPELINE TASK FORCE
THURSDAY, May 12, 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 Supervisor: 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>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 5:32 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Gerry stated that May 11 to May 17 is Police Week and Sunday, May 15 is National Peace Officers Memorial Day. Respectfully, he called for a moment of silence for all law enforcement officers who have died or have been disabled in the line duty.

Recording

The meeting was not being recorded.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from April 14, 2022, were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

None

Chairperson's Report

Gerry shared highlights from an article in the May 8, 2022 edition of the Philadelphia Inquirer stating that the Energy Transfer Mariner East pipeline project is complete with the exception of remediation and restoration work, including cleanup of Marsh Creek Lake. The project was finished in February 2022; however, there was no formal announcement or public event. ET filed a document with the PUC in March 2022 stating that the bypass route was taken out of service on February 17. While the ME2 & 2X pipelines are transporting NGLs, the existing ME1 pipeline is being converted back to transporting refined fuels from Midwestern refineries to the Philadelphia market. It is interesting to note that these NGLs are exported to markets in Europe, the Caribbean, Asia, Africa, and South America. ET indicated that more capacity could be achieved on the Mariner East system by the addition of more pumps. ET has been circumspect about the true capacity of Mariner East. Gerry said that it is unclear if more pumps means a higher operating pressure and suggested that the PTF keep this on their radar.

Later in the meeting, Jim expressed concern referring to this article. He noted how ET is considering adding more pumps which is causing confusion around the number of barrels produced and how ET will add more storage capacity at Marcus Hook.

Gerry provided an update on the Revolution Pipeline and said that there could be lessons learned for EGT. A part of this pipeline in Beaver County exploded in 2018. ETC, a subsidiary of ET, is charged with nine counts of environmental crimes. The cause of this accident was ETC's failure to conduct proper oversight of the project and ensure proper installation and maintenance of erosion control devices. This incident shows the importance of proper erosion and sediment control.

Gerry asked Derek what erosion and sediment controls the Township can enforce on pipeline companies during new construction. Derek said that the project has to be looked at as a whole and the Chester County Conservation District would have to be involved.

In conjunction to erosion control, Bill stated that transformer at the triangle intersection of Boot Road and Route 352 near the New Kent Apartments appears to be sinking. Derek stated that he will have Mark Miller identify the transformer and verify the problem.

Legislative Updates

Bill stated that with the new redistricting, East Goshen will now be served by State Senator Carolyn Comitta starting in December. Bill invited her to the next PTF meeting. Bill asked the TF members to email him any questions for Senator Comitta. He will compile, summarize, and forward these questions to her prior to the meeting.

Old Business

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

8b. Sunoco Pipeline Maintenance Line Road

Derek reported that reached out to Joe Massaro from Sunoco prior to the meeting for an update. He will inform the TF when he hears back.

The TF discussed the current state of the vegetation planted by ET. Judi expressed concern that a drought followed by torrential rain could cause problems. Gerry agreed and noted that this is the reason to keep these topics on the agenda until the vegetation in these areas is stable and well established.

8c. 352 Subsidence

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

8d. Comments on PUC Rulemaking Regarding Hazardous Liquid Public Utility Safety Standards (Docket No. L-2019-3010267)

Gerry informed the TF that he recently checked the PUC site and many comments have been submitted. None of these comments surprised him, and he noted that many are quite meaningful. David questioned the PUC's process and if there is a timeline. Derek explained that it needs to be reviewed by the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC).

8e. PTF Newsletter Article for Summer 2022

Prior to the meeting, Jim shared his draft of the article for the Township's Summer newsletter. The TF agreed to the edits and Jim will forward the article to Jason for publication.

New Business

9a. Directions and objectives for the PTF based upon discussion of future structure of ABCs at EGT Board of Supervisors Meeting on 4/19/22

David summarized that the BOS will not be consolidating or eliminating the Pipeline Task Force. There has been discussion of changing it from a task force to a committee. Also discussed was having the TF evolve into a Hazard Mitigation and Risk Management Committee. This would necessitate a different mission and area of expertise. It would also change the primary focus to emergency preparedness. Derek added that although there is no appetite to change any of the ABCs, they are looking for the ABCs to become more self-sufficient. However, as of now, there are no major revisions regarding this TF.

9b. Prep for next PTF meeting on June 9, 2022.

Gerry said that the TF is in need of a minute taker for future meetings. The chair and vice chair are not able to take minutes while running the meeting. Gerry asked if the Township could provide a person just to take minutes for the future meetings. Derek suggested recording the meeting on Zoom and a PTF member could then transcribe the

minutes. Derek will take the request under advisement. Judi suggested they could “tag team” the effort.

Liaison Reports

Jim stated that the Futurist Committee has been concentrating on the next survey asking residents what they want.

David reported that he attended the quarterly Chester County Pipeline Safety Advisory Board meeting. He noted that during public comment he expressed concern about the County’s lack of activity and help on pipeline safety issues. He added that Buckeye Pipeline presented at this meeting. Their 44-inch and 12-inch pipelines do not transport NGLS – they transport gas and diesel. Buckeye has no plans to activate their 10-inch pipeline. This will remain idle.

David stated the big takeaway from this meeting was that the County received two responses for their request for proposal (RFP) for the development of an addition to County’s operations plan specific to NGL pipeline hazards. The County is in the process of vetting these responses. Once complete, a committee will be formed. This committee will recognize that an all-hazards approach is not optimal for NGL pipelines. David asked if an EGT representative could be on the committee. David also suggested asked that the TF members reach out to Mike Groover, Acting Deputy Director for Emergency Management, (mgroover@chesco.org) to show support for this committee. Both David and Gerry were pleased with the progress of this RFP.

David complemented the TF on their comments to the PUC.

David requested that the TF research the feasibility of requesting from Adelphia the installation of line of site sensors for leak detection at their valve station on Paoli Pike. If feasible, the TF would forward a recommendation to the BOS who would then send a letter to Adelphia. Gerry will research and report.

Any Other Matter

Judi announced that she is attending the Chester County Environmental Alliance meeting on Saturday, 5/14. She request any input be forwarded to her.

Judi asked if there was a “go live” date yet for Adelphia. Derek responded, “no.”

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is on Thursday, June 9, 2022, @ 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan D’Amore

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