

East Goshen Township
Pipeline Task Force Meeting Agenda
Thursday, September 8, 2022
East Goshen Township Building
5:30 PM

1. Call to Order (5:30 PM)
2. Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence
3. Ask if anyone is recording the meeting.
4. Approval of Minutes (5:35 PM to 5:40 PM)
August 11, 2022
5. Public Comment (5:40 PM to 5:50 PM)
6. Chairperson's Report (5:50 PM to 6:00 PM)
7. Reports (6:00 PM to 6:05 PM)
 - a. Legislative Update
8. Old Business (6:05 PM to 6:35 PM)
 - a. PTF article for Fall Newsletter.
 - b. Recruiting new PTF members.
 - c. Large copies of EGT pipeline map.
 - d. Update on Texas Eastern pipeline in EGT for use with proposed LNG plant in Chester.
 - e. Letter to Adelphia regarding valve station leak detection.
 - f. External leak detectors at other valve stations and above-ground facilities for pipelines carrying hazardous materials within EGT.
 - g. Update on private water testing for EGT residents under ET plea agreement.
 - h. FEMA guides on pipeline emergencies.
9. New Business (6:35 PM to 6:40 PM)
10. Liaison Reports (6:40 PM to 6:45 PM)
11. Any Other Matter (6:45 PM to 6:55 PM)
12. Correspondence (6:55 PM to 7:00 PM)
13. Adjournment (7:00 PM)

1 PIPELINE TASK FORCE
2 Thursday, August 11, 2022
3 East Goshen Township Building
4 DRAFT MINUTES
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7 **Members Present are highlighted:**

8 Chair Gerry Sexton; Vice Chair Jim Christenson
9 Members; Judi DiFonzo, Bill Wegemann

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11 **Others Present**

12 Township Supervisor: David Shuey; Township Manager: Derek Davis
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14 **COMMON ACRONYMS:**

ACOE	Army Core of Engineers
BI&E	Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement
BOS	Board of Supervisors
CCATO	Chester County Association of Township Officials
CCPC	Chester County Planning Commission
DCNR	Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
DEP	Department of Environmental Protection
DES	Department of Emergency Services
EGT	East Goshen Township
ET	Energy Transfer
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
HDD	Horizontal Directional Drilling
IR	Inadvertent Return
ME1	Mariner East 1
ME2	Mariner East 2
NGL	Natural Gas Liquids
PHMSA	Pipeline Hazard Materials and Safety Administration
PMN	Post Meeting Note
PTF	Pipeline Task Force
PUC	Public Utility Commission

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16 **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

17 Gerry called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
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19 **Moment of Silence**

20 Gerry respectfully called for a moment of silence for our first responders.
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22 **Recording**

23 Derek stated that this meeting was being recorded using Zoom.
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25 **Approval of Minutes**

26 The minutes from the meeting on June 9, 2022 were unanimously approved.
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1 **Public Comment**

2 None.

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4 **Chairperson's Report**

5 The PTF discussed adding new members. Derek asked for some specifics which would
6 be helpful in the recruiting effort. Gerry will get input from the PTF and provide this to
7 Derek. [Post Meeting Note: Gerry emailed a list of qualifications for new PTF members to
8 Derek on August 8, 2022. Derek will post it on the township website and Facebook to
9 start.]

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11 At the PTF meeting on May 12, 2022, David recommended that the PTF reach out to
12 Mike Groover, Chester County Deputy Director for Emergency Management. Gerry stated
13 that on June 6, 2022 he emailed Mr. Groover regarding the East Goshen Township
14 Pipeline Task Force and our interest in the Request for Proposal to develop an addition
15 to the operations plan specific to NGL pipeline hazards. Gerry has not received a
16 response and will resend the email. [PMN: Gerry resent the email to Mr. Groover on
17 August 17, 2022 and copied David, Derek, and the PTF.]

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19 There is a link on ReadyChesco Weekly Announcements from Chester County
20 Department of Emergency Services to Pipeline Emergency Response Training. It is open
21 to first responders throughout Pennsylvania. The training is in-person and allows first
22 responders to engage with local pipeline operators. The sponsors include many of the
23 pipeline companies that operate within EGT. Jim will check with our local fire companies
24 to make sure they are aware of this training.

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26 The PUC fined Energy Transfer \$51,000 in June for violations related to pipeline
27 construction through an apartment complex in Middletown Township, Delaware County.
28 Relative to this situation is a legal battle involving the apartment complex and municipal
29 officials regarding emails between the township and ET. The apartment complex is
30 calling for the township to be transparent and release those emails. This underlines the
31 importance of the transparency demonstrated by the EGT Board of Supervisors and the
32 PTF with respect to all pipeline matters.

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34 Energy Transfer recently pleaded no contest to criminal charges that it systematically
35 polluted waterways and residential water wells during construction of its Mariner East
36 pipelines. Under the plea agreement, residents who live near the pipelines and have
37 private water can request independent testing. Derek stated there may be a few
38 residents in EGT who are impacted. He will further investigate and notify them if
39 necessary. [PMN: Gerry emailed a link to Derek, David, and the PTF on August 16, 2022
40 from the Office of the Attorney General for Mariner East Pipeline water testing.]

1 **Reports**

2 **Legislative Update**

3 Gerry mentioned four bills introduced by State Representative Kristine Howard that
4 would increase penalties on polluters and give the attorney general greater powers to
5 prosecute. These bills are in response to violations by Energy Transfer during
6 construction of the Mariner East 2 pipeline.

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8 Bill gave an update on follow-up actions from the Q&A with State Senator Carolyn
9 Comitta at the meeting on June 9, 2022.

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11 **Old Business**

12 **Adelphia valve station leak detection**

13 Derek will draft a letter requesting Adelphia to install external leak detectors at their
14 natural gas valve station on Paoli Pike. David will review and approve this letter and
15 then it will be sent to Adelphia.

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17 **New Business**

18 **Leak detectors at other valve stations in EGT**

19 The PTF unanimously approved a motion for the BOS to request that pipeline operators
20 install external leak detectors at all valve stations and above-ground facilities for
21 pipelines carrying hazardous materials within EGT. The justification for these requests is
22 similar to that for the Adelphia valve station.

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24 **Texas Eastern pipeline in EGT and proposed LNG plant in Chester**

25 Gerry summarized a report by WHY News from June. This item was brought to Gerry's
26 attention by Christina Morley. Penn America Energy is proposing to build a liquid
27 natural gas (LNG) plant in Chester. This LNG would be for export. The article stated that
28 the natural gas supply to this plant would tap into the Texas Eastern pipeline starting at
29 the Eagle compressor station in Chester Springs and ending at the planned Chester
30 Junction station in Delaware County. From there the final five miles of new pipe would
31 connect to the liquification plant. This Texas Eastern line runs through EGT. At this early
32 stage of the proposal, it does not sound like new pipelines would be installed in EGT.
33 However, the pipeline owner has a right-of-way and could replace or upsize their
34 pipelines or install additional pipelines as was the case with Mariner East. This project
35 has not yet been widely publicized but is expected to be a contentious issue in Chester.
36 Derek will further investigate and determine the appropriate course of action (if any)
37 regarding notification of EGT residents living along the Texas Eastern pipeline.

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39 **EGT pipeline map**

40 The PTF utilizes the current pipeline map on the EGT website. Gerry asked if a large
41 hardcopy could be produced which would make details easy to read. Derek will provide
42 36" x 24" copies of the map from the township plotter.

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44 **Liaison Reports**

45 David stated that on July 19, 2022 the BOS approved sending the letter to Adelphia
46 discussed above.

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Any Other Matter

Judi discussed two booklets from FEMA she saw on the ready.gov website. One is a guide to citizen preparedness and the other is a guide for alerts and warnings. She noted there was a lack of information regarding pipeline emergencies. Adding this topic to these guides would be integral with the Chester County Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Derek said this is something he could discuss at meetings with the PA State Association of Township Supervisors. Judi will draft a letter to appropriate government agencies asking for information on what to do in a pipeline emergency. The PTF will review this draft letter at a future meeting.

Jim will prepare an article from the PTF for the Fall Newsletter. [PMN: Jim emailed Derek this article on August 26, 2022.]

Derek announced that Ashley Nowak has been hired as the EGT Office Administrator and will start August 22, 2022. Ashley will be the PTF liaison.

Correspondence

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 8, 2022, @ 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Sexton

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