

PIPELINE TASK FORCE
Thursday, September 8, 2022
East Goshen Township Building
FINAL MINUTES

Members Present are highlighted:

Chair: Gerry Sexton; Vice Chair: Jim Christenson

Members: Judi DiFonzo, Bill Wegemann

Others Present are highlighted

Township Supervisor: David Shuey; Township Manager: Derek Davis; Township Office Administrator: Ashley Nowak

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</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>NGL</i>	<i>Natural Gas Liquids</i>
<i>PHMSA</i>	<i>Pipeline Hazard Materials and Safety Administration</i>
<i>PMN</i>	<i>Post Meeting Note</i>
<i>PTF</i>	<i>Pipeline Task Force</i>
<i>PUC</i>	<i>Public Utility Commission</i>

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Gerry called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Gerry noted that Sunday September 11th is Patriot Day and the 21st anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. He respectfully called for a moment of silence to remember all of those who were lost on that day.

Recording

Derek stated that the audio portion of this meeting was being recorded.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on August 11, 2022 were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

Derek introduced Ashley Nowak who was hired as the EGT Office Administrator on August 22, 2022. Ashley will be the PTF liaison.

Chairperson's Report

Gerry noted that the PUC recently reduced a fine imposed upon Sunoco Pipeline LP for violations during construction of their Mariner East pipeline system through an apartment complex in Middletown Township. The PUC had originally cited Sunoco for creating a fire hazard, excessive noise pollution, and inadequate communication with apartment occupants. Their revised decision only maintains the violation for poor communications. The PUC stated that their intention was not to create a new and impossible standard for noise levels during construction. The BOS is currently exploring changes to the EGT Noise/Nuisance Ordinance. Gerry reviewed these changes and did not find any potential conflicts with recent PUC ruling. The exceptions clause to the ordinance would allow noise caused by construction activity that exceeds 75 dB during certain hours.

Reports

Legislative Update

None.

Old Business

PTF article for Fall Newsletter.

Jim prepared an article from the PTF for the Fall Newsletter.

Recruiting new PTF members.

Derek has posted or will post the list of qualifications for new PTF members on the township website, Facebook, Nextdoor, and Constant Contact. It is permissible for the PTF to reach out to potential new members. An executive session is not needed to discuss details.

Large copies of EGT pipeline map.

Derek is working on getting large hardcopies of the EGT pipeline. [PMN: Derek emailed the PTF on 09/22/2022 that these hardcopies are ready.]

Update on Texas Eastern pipeline in EGT for use with proposed LNG plant in Chester.

Derek discussed this topic with a representative from Enbridge Inc., owner of the Texas Eastern pipeline. The PTF will continue to monitor this proposed project and especially the source of natural gas for the LNG plant. It was agreed that this is the appropriate action at this time.

Letter requesting external leak detectors at Adelphia valve station.

Derek reviewed a draft of the letter requesting installation of external leak detectors at the Adelphia natural gas valve station on Paoli Pike. The PTF had no comments and was fine with this letter as is. [PMN: Derek sent this letter on 09/09/2022.]

External leak detectors at other valve stations and above-ground facilities for pipelines carrying hazardous materials within EGT.

The PTF recommended that EGT have a list of all valve stations and above-ground facilities for pipelines carrying hazardous materials within the township. This list would be very useful in a pipeline emergency. Derek will speak with Mark Miller (Director of Public Works) about creating this list.

Update on private water testing for EGT residents under ET plea agreement.

Derek will verify with Joe Massaro of Energy Transfer that the appropriate EGT residents were notified regarding this water testing.

FEMA guides on pipeline emergencies.

Judi had previously 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. Judi reviewed the first draft of a letter she wrote that requests appropriate government agencies to provide adequate information on what to do in a pipeline emergency. The PTF will provide comments on this draft to Judi. This document would ultimately serve as the basis for letters from the BOS.

New Business

None.

Liaison Reports

None.

Any Other Matter

Derek mentioned he was informed that Energy Transfer will be hosting a training exercise at their Exton bypass valve site location on Tuesday 09/13/2022. Judi indicated she may be able to attend.

Correspondence

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 13, 2022, @ 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald Sexton

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