

PIPELINE TASK FORCE
Thursday, December 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; 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 5:32 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Gerry noted that yesterday was National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. He respectfully called for a moment of silence to remember those who died in the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Recording

The meeting was not being recorded.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on October 13, 2022 were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

Tony Petra, a resident from Bow Tree, attended the meeting and brought his concerns about the ME2 pipelines which run through his property. He also discussed possible storm water issues caused by Sunoco not returning the landscape they disturbed during their ME2 pipeline project to the original topography. Tony also shared several other on-going concerns in regards to Sunoco. David will work on scheduling a meeting with Derek Davis (Township Manager), Mark Miller (Director of Public Works), and Tony to discuss these problems.

Chairperson's Report

Gerry provided an update on the proposed liquid natural gas (LNG) plant in Chester. In October, the Pennsylvania Senate's Environmental and Energy Resources Committee met to discuss the project. Community members were not invited to these meeting according to a letter from the League of Women Voters Pennsylvania. The League supports a transparent process where all stakeholders can participate. Their letter also discussed concerns about environmental impact and the need for an evacuation plan. PA House Bill 2458 was enacted on 11/03/2022 to establish the Philadelphia LNG Export Task Force which will study how to expand the city's exportation of LNG to international markets. A final investment decision on the proposed project is targeted for 2024. If approved, it would be operational by 2028. The supply source of natural gas for this proposed plant has not yet been publically identified. One possible option could be the Texas Eastern pipelines that run through EGT. If the owner of these pipelines wanted to replace or upsize their pipelines or install additional pipelines in their right-of-way, the potential impact to EGT could be more adverse than that experienced with the ME2 project. A large portion of Mariner East runs along highways or major roadways in the township. According to the EGT Pipeline Map, most of Texas Eastern runs through residential areas including the yards of homeowners. The PTF will continue to monitor this proposed project and especially the source of natural gas for the LNG plant.

Gerry reported that the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) is updating their State Hazard Mitigation Plan. Judi and Jim attended a virtual meeting regarding this update on 11/30/2022. The current plan from 2018 expires in October 2023. There is a specific section of the plan that covers pipelines. PEMA is asking for public input via survey monkey, an email, or a PDF for comments that was shared with the group. The PTF will review the pipeline section and can email Ashley with their thoughts. At the next meeting, the PTF will discuss the feedback and determine how they would like to submit input to PEMA via the BOS.

Reports

Legislative Update

None.

Old Business

Update on PTF recruiting and staffing.

Bill announced that he will not be seeking re-appointment. He thanked the task force for all their work and he is grateful to have been a member. Gerry expressed appreciation to Bill for all of his excellent work and contributions.

Township residents John McDonough and Paul Kersavage notified Derek that they are interested in joining the PTF. All members reviewed their resumes that were sent to Derek. Paul Kersavage attended the meeting and shared some of his background with the PTF. All members agreed that both John and Paul are well qualified and would be valuable additions to the task force. Their resumes will be given to the BOS to review and interview, if necessary. The PTF recommended that John and Paul be appointed as new members of the PTF at BOS re-organization meeting on January 3, 2023.

List of valve stations and above-ground facilities for pipelines carrying hazardous materials within EGT.

Derek Davis and Mark Miller have not yet had a chance to put together this list, but hope to do so by next PTF meeting.

New Business

Article for Spring 2023 Newsletter

The final draft was approved unanimously. Jim will take a picture of the Adelpia valve station to accompany this article and send it to Ashley. [PMN: Jim completed this task 01/03/2023.] Ashley will send the article and picture to Jessica Wilhelmy (Recreation Program Coordinator) for the Spring 2023 Newsletter.

Discuss PTF Meeting Schedule for 2023

The PTF will continue to meet the second Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm. The plan is to hold 9 to 10 meetings in 2023. State Senator Carolyn Comitta will be invited to a PTF meeting in 2023. She attended the meeting on June 9, 2022 and it was very informative.

Liaison Reports

David provided an update on progress regarding modification of the Chester County operations plan with respect to NGL emergencies. David also reported that the first Pipeline Awareness Ordinance Report was submitted for the Miller Property. It will be reviewed by the Planning Commission.

Any Other Matter

None.

Correspondence

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 12, 2023 @ 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Nowak, Office Administrator

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