

**PIPELINE TASK FORCE**  
**Thursday, January 12, 2023**  
**East Goshen Township Building**  
**FINAL MINUTES**

**Members Present are highlighted:**

**Chair: Gerry Sexton; Vice Chair: Jim Christenson**

**Members: Judi DiFonzo, Paul Kersavage, John McDonough**

**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&amp;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 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Moment of Silence**

Gerry called for a moment of silence for front line health care workers as they begin the fourth year of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Recording**

The meeting was not being recorded.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting on December 8, 2022 were unanimously approved.

## **Public Comment**

None.

## **Chairperson's Report**

Gerry reported that he read an article on PA Environmental Digest about an explosion and fire at Energy Transfer's Revolution Natural Gas Cryogenic Plant in Washington County. The DEP will be conducting an investigation. Gerry noted he would send the link for this article to everyone. The PA Environmental Digest website has a lot of other interesting articles and good background information.

## **Reports**

### **Legislative Update**

Judi noted that the PA House of Representatives has yet to fill all committee leadership positions. She also reported that none of the proposed bills are related to pipelines.

David said that before the next meeting he will reach out to State Senator Comitta and State Representative Chris Pielli.

## **Old Business**

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

Derek Davis (Township Manager) provided a map and list of the valve/meter stations in EGT. There are a total of four (Adelphia, Williams, PECO, and Enbridge) and they are all for natural gas pipelines. Ashley will ask Derek to follow up on the letter previously sent to Adelphia requesting installation of external leak detectors at their valve station since there has been no response. The PTF will pursue similar investigations and requests regarding external leak detectors at the other three stations. It is not known if stations in other local communities are equipped with external leak detectors.

In reviewing the map, it was noted how close the Williams valve station is to Paoli Pike and that there are no protective bollards around it.

Paul asked about the proximity of company representatives for the pipelines in EGT. It is unclear as to where they all are currently located. David stated it would be important to include this information in the hazard mitigation plan. EGT should know the general location of these reps in the event of an emergency. David will ask Chester County Commissioner Marian Moskowitz about the status of the hazard mitigation plan.

### **Input to PEMA State Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**

The current version of this plan is from 2018 so it is due to be updated. At the previous meeting, the PTF reviewed some aspects of the plan and the comments input form. Gerry recently learned from the PEMA state hazard mitigation planner that the deadline for input is January 31, 2023 and any comments submitted after that date will be integrated into the 2024 annual review. Since this deadline is only two weeks away, the PTF agreed that they would work on reviewing this plan over the next few months and target

submitting comments by approximately April. Each member will review the plan and email their input to Ashley. She will compile a first draft document of comments for the February PTF meeting.

### **New Business**

#### **PTF 2022 Accomplishments and 2023 Goals for ABC Planning Session on 01/31/2023**

Gerry will be the PTF representative for the upcoming ABC Planning Session. The group reviewed a first draft of the accomplishment and goals. Gerry will revise them based on comments from the meeting. He will send the second draft to the PTF for approval prior to submitting the final version to Ashley for the ABC Planning Session. [PMN: All of these tasks were completed by 01/20/2023.]

### **Liaison Reports**

David reported that maintenance has been observed on the Mariner 1 pipeline in West Whiteland Township. Derek contacted Energy Transfer about recent ME1 activity. Their response was that it has been purged with nitrogen and is still out of service. No other information was provided. David will continue to monitor this situation and provide updates. The PTF will also be on the lookout for any activity on ME1. It was noted that Energy Transfer has not yet completed the remaining life study of ME1 as required by the PUC.

David also reported that last year a Pipeline Awareness Ordinance was put into place. There have been three impact reports thus far. John asked if it is required for the reports to be disclosed to homeowners and David responded that it is not.

### **Any Other Matter**

Judi suggested that a representative from the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department attend a PTF meeting to discuss pipeline safety training. David will speak with Michele Truitt (Vice Chair of Police Commission) to coordinate this.

### **Correspondence**

None.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 9, 2023 @ 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Ashley Nowak, Office Administrator*

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