

PIPELINE TASK FORCE
Thursday, April 13, 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; Township Manager: Derek Davis; 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 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Gerry called for a moment for the victims of the recent mass shooting in Louisville, KY and Louisville Metro Police Officer Nickolas Wilt.

Recording

The meeting was not being recorded.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on March 9, 2023 were unanimously approved.

Presentation by Ginny Kerslake on Potential Pipeline Projects

Ginny made a presentation on two potential pipeline projects that could impact EGT. The first was the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Export Terminal in Chester. The PTF had previously discussed this subject and Ginny provided an update. This project could utilize the Williams Transco or Texas Eastern pipelines in EGT. The Philadelphia LNG Export Task Force will hold the first of three hearing on 04/20/2023 at the Navy Yard. A report is expected in November 2023.

The second project was the Mid-Atlantic Clean Hydrogen Hub (MACH2). This is one of several proposed hubs that could produce blue hydrogen from methane with some carbon capture via underground storage of carbon dioxide. An extensive network of existing petroleum pipelines would be utilized. These pipelines could include Mariner East and Williams Transco in EGT. There are concerns with transporting hydrogen in steel pipelines. Modifications (including the installation of plastic linings) may be required. There are currently only minimal regulations regarding the transportation of carbon dioxide in pipelines.

Public Comment

None.

Chairperson's Report

None.

Reports

Legislative Update

None.

Old Business

Leak detection at valve/meter stations

No update.

ME2 Pipeline Construction Records

The group discussed a proposed letter to the PUC that Paul drafted. There is still some uncertainty regarding the responsibilities of the PUC and PHMSA in this matter. Paul will gather more information for the next meeting. After the group agrees on the final draft, it will be presented to the BOS for Derek to send to the PUC.

Input to PEMA State Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

The group agreed to keep the wording simple on the comments form. Final comments are due to Ashley by 04/27/2023 at 12:00 pm. She will submit the form by 04/30/2023.

[PMN: This was completed on 04/28/2023.]

New Business

None.

Liaison Reports

David will update the BOS at their next meeting on Ginny's presentation.

Any Other Matter

None.

Correspondence

None.

Next meeting

Thursday May 11, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Nowak, Office Administrator

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