

PIPELINE TASK FORCE
Thursday, May 11, 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 5:31 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Gerry called for a moment of silence to recognize National Nurses Week and remember those nurses who died of COVID-19. He also stated that May is National Military Appreciation Month and asked that we remember our troops past and present.

Recording

The meeting was not being recorded.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on April 13, 2023 were unanimously approved.

Discussion with State Representative Chris Pielli

Gerry provided Rep. Pielli with a brief background of the PTF and our priorities. The group discussed a top concern that emergency planning and response for NGL pipelines needs to be much different than that for refined petroleum products pipelines. Rep. Pielli reviewed some of his dealings with the pipeline industry from his time as a West Goshen Township Supervisor.

The group discussed the letter being drafted by Paul that will request ME2 pipeline construction records from PHMSA and/or the PUC. Rep. Pielli agreed with the basis for this letter and that he would be willing to send a letter of support as well.

Gerry brought up a past issue regarding digging in pipeline easements. The PTF would prefer that the township always be given prior notice of any such activity. The only practical way to implement this would involve modification of the current PA One Call system (811). See PTF Meeting Minutes March 9, 2023. A bill to amend the system would be needed and Rep. Pielli would support drafting this legislation.

Lastly, Rep. Pielli stated that he is aware of the proposed MACH2 project and the related concerns.

Public Comment

None.

Chairperson's Report

None.

Reports

Legislative Update

Judi suggested that the PTF investigate any pipeline-related legislation, such as bills and their assigned numbers. She will work on gathering this information.

Old Business

Leak detection at valve/meter stations

No update.

ME2 Pipeline Construction Records

The group discussed Paul's second draft of the proposed letter to the PUC and/or PHMSA requesting ME2 pipeline construction records. He is scheduled to speak with someone from PHMSA next week and will have an additional update following their conversation. After the group agrees on the final draft, it will be presented to the BOS for Derek to send out to the appropriate parties.

Pipeline Info Database

John provided a copy of the first draft of the pipeline info database that he compiled. He will work on obtaining all the emergency contacts for each pipeline. John will also update the database based upon comments received. The PTF will consider posting this document on the township website in the future.

New Business

Carbon Dioxide Pipelines

Gerry presented some research he completed regarding carbon dioxide pipelines. The information is very detailed, so he will send a summary to the group. [PMN: This was completed on 05/16/2023.]

Liaison Reports

None.

Correspondence

None.

Any Other Matter

None.

Next meeting

Thursday June 8, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Nowak, Office Administrator

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