

East Goshen Township
Pipeline Task Force Meeting Agenda
Thursday, August 10, 2023
East Goshen Township Building
5:30 PM

1. Call to Order (5:30 PM)
2. Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence
3. Ask if anyone is recording the meeting.
4. Approval of Minutes (5:35 PM to 5:40 PM)
June 8, 2023
5. Public Comment (5:40 PM to 5:45 PM)
6. Chairperson's Report (5:45 PM to 5:50 PM)
7. PHMSA-2021-0039 Pipeline Safety: Gas Pipeline Leak Detection and Repair (5:50 PM to 6:30 PM)
 - a. Discuss PTF comments.
 - Comments due to PHMSA by Wednesday 08/16/2023.
8. Old Business (6:30 PM to 7:00 PM)
 - a. Leak detection at valve stations.
 - b. Request for ME2 pipeline construction records.
 - Letter to PHMSA.
 - Legislative support.
 - c. PA One Call System (811) improvements.
 - d. Carbon dioxide pipelines.
 - Education and information dissemination.
 - Repurposing of existing pipelines for CO₂ service.
9. New Business (7:00 PM to 7:05 PM)
 - a. Work by Adelpia Gateway in Bow Tree Development.
10. Reports / Legislative Update (7:05 PM to 7:10 PM)
11. Liaison Reports (7:10 PM to 7:15 PM)
12. Correspondence / Any Other Matter (7:15 PM to 7:20 PM)
13. Next Meeting
Thursday 09/14/2023.
14. Adjournment (7:20 PM)

1 PIPELINE TASK FORCE
2 Thursday, June 8, 2023
3 East Goshen Township Building
4 DRAFT MINUTES
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7 **Members Present are highlighted**

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

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

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11 **Others Present are highlighted**

12 **Township Supervisor: David Shuey; Township Manager: Derek Davis; Office**

13 **Administrator: Ashley Nowak**

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15 **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>

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17 **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

18 Gerry called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
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20 **Moment of Silence**

21 Gerry called for a moment of silence to honor the true meaning of Memorial Day and
22 remember all our military personnel who have died in service to our country.
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24 **Recording**

25 The meeting was not being recorded.
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1 **Approval of Minutes**

2 The minutes from the meeting on May 11, 2023 were unanimously approved.

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4 **Public Comment**

5 None.

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7 **Chairperson's Report**

8 Gerry reported that in addition to the carbon dioxide pipelines, he intends to research
9 hydrogen pipelines and will report his findings to the group in the future.

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11 Gerry also updated the group on an article from the Daily Local News on public
12 water/sewer systems. This piece provided some insights regarding how the Pennsylvania
13 Public Utility Commission operates. These could explain some of PUC decisions and
14 actions with respect to pipelines.

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16 **Old Business**

17 **Update on leak detection at valve stations**

18 No update.

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20 **Proposed New Rulemaking from PHMSA**

21 On May 18, 2023 PHMSA published a new proposed rule titled "Pipeline Safety: Gas
22 Pipeline Leak Detection and Repair." This subject is of great interest to the PTF. David
23 noted that for the first time PHMSA is including environmental protection. There have
24 been several requests to PHMSA to extend the deadline (currently 07/17/2023) for
25 comments. Gerry will update the group with a plan for our response. [PMN: PHMSA
26 extended the comment period to 08/16/2023. Gerry emailed the PTF on 07/28/2023
27 with a plan for submitting comments. This will be discussed at the next PTF meeting on
28 08/10/2023.]

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30 **ME2 Pipeline Construction Records**

31 The main objective is determining if Energy Transfer complied with the applicable
32 pipeline design guidelines during the ME2 project in EGT. Paul was able to speak with
33 someone at PHMSA, but the responses he received were very vague. Paul will incorporate
34 comments from the group and finalize the letter to PHMSA. Derek will review it with the
35 BOS and then send it to PHMSA.

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37 **Update on carbon dioxide pipelines**

38 The group briefly discussed an article sent by Paul about a carbon dioxide pipeline that
39 ruptured in Mississippi in 2020. Education regarding carbon dioxide pipelines is an
40 important next step. David will review this topic with the BOS.

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42 **New Business**

43 **Future Newsletter Article**

44 Jim will draft an article for the next township newsletter and send it to the PTF for
45 comments. After the article is finalized, he will send it to Ashley who will submit it to Jess
46 Wilhelmy for publication. [PMN: This was completed on 06/23/2023.]

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Reports

Legislative Update

Judi suggested that the PTF track bills in the PA Senate and House of Representatives that are related to pipelines and provide updates. The group decided to put this task on hold for now.

Liaison Reports

None.

Any Other Matter

None.

Correspondence

None.

Next meeting

There was a unanimous vote to cancel the meeting scheduled for July 13, 2023. Therefore, the next meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Nowak, Office Administrator

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