

PIPELINE TASK FORCE
Thursday, August 10, 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 5:30 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Gerry called for a moment of silence for former EGT Supervisor Marty Shane who passed away on June 16, 2023.

Recording

The meeting was not being recorded.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on June 8, 2023 were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

None.

Chairperson's Report

Gerry shared that the PTF's current top two priorities are 1) PHMSA proposed rulemaking on gas pipeline leak detection and repair, and 2) carbon dioxide pipelines.

PHMSA-2021-0039 Pipeline Safety: Gas Pipeline Leak Detection and Repair

Gerry sent a draft letter (with previous comments from members) to review at this meeting. The group discussed several additional edits. Gerry will update the letter and send the final version to the group for approval by Monday August 14, 2023. [PMN: This task was completed and the letter was submitted via the Regulations.gov website on 08/14/2023. The PTF comments were posted on this website on 08/16/2023.]

Old Business

Leak detection at valve stations

No update.

ME2 Pipeline Construction Records

Ashley shared that Derek sent the subject letter to PHMSA. Gerry shared that originally we spoke with State Representative Pielli about sending a letter of support. However, since PHMSA is a federal agency Derek suggested reaching out to U.S. Representative Chrissy Houlahan. Ashley will follow up with Derek and ask him to update the group.

PA One Call System (811) Improvements

Ashley shared that Derek has started working with Rep. Pielli's office on this matter. He will update as needed.

Carbon dioxide pipelines

David had previously shared the information summary provided by Gerry with the BOS. At the BOS meeting on 07/18/2023, Supervisor Michelle Truitt asked Judi to draft an ordinance regarding carbon dioxide pipelines. Judi will email a copy of this draft to the group.

A new area of concern is the repurposing of existing hydrocarbon pipelines for CO₂ service. This would be accomplished by installing a liner inside the carbon steel pipe. John believes it may be a spray application rather than inserting a sleeve. The PTF needs a better understanding of this topic. Gerry asked Paul and John to research the lining of existing pipelines and share their findings with the group. Judi stated she will reach out to Ginny Kerslake to see if she has any additional information.

New Business

Proposed work by Adelphia Gateway in or near Bow Tree Development

The scope of this proposed work was uncertain. Ashley will ask Derek to email the group with an update. There was also a question if this is a natural gas transmission or distribution line.

Reports

Legislative Update

None.

Liaison Reports

None.

Any Other Matter

Paul reviewed the updated pipeline data summary that John sent to the group. Paul would like to do some more research on pipelines that are near homes and buildings. He will work on this topic and share with the group at the next meeting.

Correspondence

None.

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Nowak, Office Administrator