

**PIPELINE TASK FORCE**  
**Thursday, September 14, 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

**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 5:33 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Moment of Silence**

Gerry reminded the group that this past Monday was Patriot Day. He called for a moment of silence to remember those who have died because of the attacks on 9/11 and those who are still suffering from the after-effects.

**Recording**

The meeting was not being recorded.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting on August 10, 2023 were unanimously approved.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **Chairperson's Report**

Gerry noted a recent ruling by the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court that reversed an order from the PUC which approved Aqua's acquisition of the East Whiteland Township sewer system. This is another example of a PUC order that would not provide any public benefit.

Gerry followed up with Derek Davis on four standing issues and provided an update.

1. **Leak detection at valve stations.** Derek will send a letter to PECO requesting information. No response from the operators of the other three valve stations. Derek will send follow-up letters.
2. **Sinkhole/Subsidence near Rt. 352.** Recent measurement showed a very small variation from previous data. Public Works will measure monthly and keep track.
3. **Letter to PHMSA regarding ME2 Pipeline Construction Records.** Derek will request a supporting letter from the office of U.S. Representative Chrissy Houlahan.
4. **Proposed work by Adelphia Gateway in or near Bow Tree Development.** Derek and Mark Miller (Director of Public Works) will be meeting with a project manager from Adelphia about their plan.

### **Review of Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Draft Ordinance**

The PTF had an in-depth discussion of this draft ordinance including the strategy upon which it is based. Edits to the original drafted by Judi will be incorporated. This is a very important document, so the PTF intends to hold a formal vote on it at the 10/12/2023 meeting. Then the latest draft will be forwarded to the BOS along with any recommendations and supplemental information.

### **Old Business**

#### **Carbon dioxide pipelines**

John shared some information he recently found on repurposing and lining existing pipelines. He also noted an article on converting natural gas pipelines to CO<sub>2</sub> service. The PTF will review these materials and this topic will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### **Pipeline maps**

Paul is researching pipelines that are near homes and buildings. He received some maps showing the pipeline corridors in EGT from the Chester County Planning Commission. He will speak with Derek Davis about getting in contact with the pipeline companies. Paul needs additional information from these operators.

### **New Business**

#### **PHMSA-2021-0046 Safety of Gas Distribution Pipelines and Other Pipeline Safety Initiatives.**

PHMSA published this new notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) on 09/07/2023. The current comments close date is 11/06/2023. The PTF discussed commenting on this NPRM and the timing. The plan is to email comments to Gerry by 12:00 noon Thursday 10/05/2023. He will organize them for review at the meeting on 10/12/2023. Then the PTF's approved comments will be posted on the federal register before the deadline.

#### **Guest speakers and invitees to future PTF meetings.**

This topic is related to the PTF's 2023 Goals. Gerry will reach out to David Shuey about having the EGT Emergency Management Coordinator attend a future PTF meeting.

### **Reports / Legislative Update**

None.

### **Liaison Reports**

None.

### **Correspondence / Any Other Matter**

Judi noted an upcoming DEP public hearing on 09/19/2023 that may be of interest to the PTF. The topic is the proposed expansion of the Marcus Hook Terminal that would add ethane capacity. Ethane is extracted by fracking in the western part of PA and transported via ME2 pipelines to Marcus Hook where it is processed primarily for export for overseas plastics manufacturing. Judi will forward the details of this public hearing to the PTF.

### **Next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2023 at 5:30pm.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gerald Sexton, Chair Pipeline Task Force*

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