

PIPELINE TASK FORCE
Thursday, October 12, 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&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 of silence for the victims of the Israel – Hamas war and the Ukraine – Russia war.

Recording

The meeting was not being recorded.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on September 14, 2023 were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

None.

Chairperson's Report

Gerry reviewed the status of four standing issues with input from Derek Davis.

1. **Leak detection at valve stations.** Paul is researching pipelines that are near homes and buildings in the township. He needs additional information from the pipeline operators. The group discussed including leak detection in the letters to those companies with valve stations.
2. **Sinkhole/Subsidence near Rt. 352.** Derek explained that height, width, and depth are the measurements taken by Public Works. The group agreed that if monthly readings are stable then measurements can be performed quarterly.
3. **Letter to PHMSA regarding ME2 Pipeline Construction Records.** Derek emailed U.S. Representative Chrissy Houlahan requesting support for our letter to PHMSA. Her office will get back to Derek and he will provide an update at our November meeting.
4. **Proposed work by Adelpia Gateway near Bow Tree Development.** Derek and Mark Miller (Director of Public Works) met with a project manager from Adelpia. The work site is near the intersection of Eldridge Dr. and Rt. 352, just outside of the Bow Tree Development. The job involves electrical repair of the cathodic protection. This is a critical system that protects the pipeline from corrosion.

Review of Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Draft Ordinance

The PTF formally approved draft version 3 of this ordinance and appendix. There is an issue with some of the links in the appendix generating error messages. Jim will help Gerry get this resolved. Gerry will send these documents to Derek so he can include them on the agenda for the BOS meeting on 11/14/2023. Gerry will also send Derek a summary of the purpose of this proposed ordinance.

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

John had a couple of comments and Jim had none. Gerry has not yet completed review of the document. Gerry will coordinate comments from the PTF and post them on the Federal Register before the 11/06/2023 deadline.

Old Business

The group discussed the information provided by John at the previous meeting on repurposing and lining existing pipelines. The article on the risks of converting natural gas pipelines to carbon dioxide service was informative. The PTF will continue to monitor this issue as it pertains to the Mid-Atlantic Clean Hydrogen Hub (MACH2) Project.

New Business

Guest speakers and invitees to future PTF meetings.

The group discussed ideas regarding this topic. It was decided to delay inviting the EGT Emergency Management Coordinator. Derek will investigate having the consultant who is working on the revised hazard mitigation plan for Chester County attend a future PTF meeting. Derek will also check if a representative from West Goshen Township would be interested in attending.

Reports / Legislative Update

None.

Liaison Reports

None.

Correspondence / Any Other Matter

Judi asked if the PTF would support a resolution developed by the Environmental & Sustainability Advisory Council (ESAC) regarding single-use plastics. The group discussed this matter and decided that no further action is required by the PTF.

Submissions for the next Township Newsletter are due in December. PTF members should bring ideas for an article to the November meeting.

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Sexton, Chair Pipeline Task Force

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