

PIPELINE TASK FORCE
Thursday, November 9, 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 reminded the group that this Saturday is Veterans Day and called for a moment of silence to remember those who have served in the U.S. Military.

Recording

The meeting was not being recorded.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on October 12, 2023 were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

None.

Chairperson's Report

No report this month.

Carbon Dioxide Pipelines

Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Draft Ordinance and Appendix

This draft ordinance and appendix (previously approved by the PTF) will be on the agenda for the BOS meeting on 11/14/2023. Gerry plans to attend this meeting. Derek will make a motion to authorize the township solicitor to review this draft ordinance.

MACH2 Project

The group discussed the Mid-Atlantic Clean Hydrogen Hub (MACH2) project and recent articles in the press.

Carbon Capture Technologies

Gerry has been reading about various carbon capture technologies and provided a brief summary of his findings thus far for the group. There is a lot of work ongoing in this area, but most of the technologies are still in the development stage. Currently the only proven large-scale method for storing carbon dioxide is geologic carbon sequestration. This is a process of storing carbon dioxide in underground geologic formations. The carbon dioxide is usually pressurized until it becomes a liquid and then it is injected into porous rock formations in geologic basins. Large pipeline systems are typically required to implement this technology.

Old Business

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

Gerry coordinated comments from the PTF on this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and posted them on the Federal Register on 11/06/2023.

Letters to pipeline operators requesting additional information

The wording for these letters was approved. Derek is researching the correct names and addresses of the pipeline operators. Then he will send out the letters.

Work by Adelpia Gateway near intersection of Eldridge Dr. and Rt. 352, just outside of Bow Tree Development

The group discussed this work. Derek has been dealing with Adelpia's subcontractor (who did the actual work) but has not gotten any response from his contact. He and Mark Miller (Director of Public Works) will follow up with Adelpia next week. The group agreed it would be good to know the details like what triggered the repair, what was the problem, what was repaired, and was cathodic protection out of service and for how long.

New Business

PTF article for next Township Newsletter

The group agreed that hydrogen fuel production and the resulting carbon dioxide pipelines would be a relevant topic for the next article. Jim will send out a draft for review. The deadline for submissions to the upcoming newsletter is 12/08/2023.

Guest speakers and invitees to future PTF meetings

The PTF had discussed this topic at the previous meeting on 10/12/2023. Derek will check with West Goshen Township to determine if they are interested in having a representative attend a future PTF meeting. He will also follow up with the consultant who is working on the revised hazard mitigation plan for Chester County about attending.

Reports / Legislative Update

None.

Liaison Reports

None.

Correspondence / Any Other Matter

None.

Next meeting

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

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald Sexton, Chair Pipeline Task Force

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