

PIPELINE TASK FORCE
Thursday, December 14, 2023
East Goshen Township Building
FINAL MINUTES

Members Present are highlighted

Chair: Gerry Sexton; Vice Chair: Jim Christenson

Members: Judi DiFonzo, John McDonough, Paul Kersavage

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 5:35 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Gerry called for a moment of silence to remember the victims of the wars in Ukraine and Gaza.

Recording

The meeting was not being recorded.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on November 9, 2023 were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

None.

Old Business

Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Draft Ordinance

This is being reviewed by the Township Solicitor. Derek plans to have this item on the agenda for the BOS meeting on 01/16/2024.

Standing Issues Update

The PTF requested the details regarding the recent work by Adelphia Gateway near the intersection of Eldridge Dr. and Rt. 352, just outside of the Bow Tree Development. Derek is following up with Adelphia and their sub-contractor who actually performed the work.

Letters have been drafted that request additional information from pipeline operators in the EGT. Derek is researching the correct names and addresses for these operators; then he will send out the letters.

The PTF had previously discussed potential guest speakers at and invitees to future PTF meetings. Suggestions included a representative from West Goshen Township and the consultant who is working on the revised hazard mitigation plan for Chester County. Derek is working on this.

Back in July, EGT sent a letter to PHMSA requesting information regarding the design of the Energy Transfer ME2 and ME2X pipelines. Derek received an email from PHMSA on 12/13/2023 acknowledging receipt of our letter and indicating that a response is forthcoming.

PTF article for upcoming Township Newsletter

Jim emailed Jessica Wilhelmy (Recreation Program Coordinator) the final write-up for this article on 12/07/2023.

Chairperson's Report

Gerry stated that this will be Jim's last meeting as a member of the PTF. Jim joined in 2021 and has been Vice Chair since February 2022. Gerry thanked Jim for his many contributions.

Gerry also noted that this will be David's last meeting as the BOS liaison. The group is very appreciative of the leadership David provided.

Gerry suggested that the investigation of hydrogen pipelines should be an objective for the PTF in 2024. He will start by researching this topic and presenting findings to the group.

Gerry summarized some promising research that he read about regarding the production of hydrogen from formic acid using sunlight and a catalyst. This new technology could have significant environmental advantages over the current methodologies that produce hydrogen from fossil fuels. It also has the potential to be adapted for other reactions such as the conversion of carbon dioxide into useable substances, which could be an improvement over carbon capture and storage.

New Business

The PTF discussed our 2024 meeting schedule and decided to make some changes for next year. The start time will be moved from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. This will be more convenient and will make us consistent with most other township meetings. PTF meetings will still be held on second Thursdays, but not every month. There will be no meetings in January, May, July, and December. There will be eight PTF meetings scheduled for the following Thursdays in 2024: February 8, March 14, April 11, June 13, August 8, September 12, October 10, and November 14.

Reports / Legislative Update

None.

Liaison Reports

None.

Correspondence / Any Other Matter

None.

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald Sexton, Chair Pipeline Task Force

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