

PIPELINE TASK FORCE
Thursday April 11, 2024
East Goshen Township Building
FINAL MINUTES

Members Present are highlighted

Chair: Gerry Sexton

Members: Judi DiFonzo, John McDonough, Mary McCloskey, David Shuey

Others Present are highlighted

Township Supervisor: Barbara Emery; Township Manager: Derek Davis;

**Office Administrator: Ashley Nowak; Chris Coleman – West Whiteland Resident
(Zoom)**

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>MACH2</i>	<i>Mid-Atlantic Clean Hydrogen Hub</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

Gerry called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Recording

The meeting was not being recorded.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on March 14, 2024 were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

None.

Chairperson's Report

The group discussed the next township newsletter, Fall 2024. The submission date is 06/21/2024. Gerry asked the group to think about possible topics.

There is no meeting scheduled for May. The next meeting will be on 06/13/2014. A Vice Chair will be selected.

Old Business

MACH2 Update

The Department of Energy Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations is hosting a series of virtual listening sessions for communities within the seven Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs to share feedback and voice their questions and concerns. The first session for MACH2 was held 04/10/2024. Unfortunately, no one from PTF was able to attend. There is a second session scheduled for 05/15/2024 at 6:00 pm. Mary will forward a link with the details to the group.

EGT Pipeline Incident Annex (Chester County Emergency Planning)

The county has not provided an exact timeline for approval at this point. The group agreed that there probably is not time for continued back and forth of comments with the county. The entire document will be revisited every two years and the appendix every year or as needed. Judi updated the list of critical infrastructure in the spreadsheet.

PUC Docket No. L-2019-3010267 Final Form Rulemaking Order 22Feb2024

The PTF reviewed this document. All comments submitted by EGT in April 2022 were acknowledged but none were adopted. Gerry will draft a summary of this review for the PTF to approve. After it is finalized, he will then send it to Barbara for her use at a future BOS meeting. Barbara also suggested updating our elected officials on this topic.

Standing issues and follow up items

Gerry asked if the quarterly readings of the sinkhole near the Pin Oaks Farm neighborhood have continued. Ashley will follow up with Derek and Mark.

Letters to pipeline operators requesting additional information have been drafted but not yet sent. The correct names and addresses are being researched; contact information is scarce. Ashley will follow up with Derek to determine what we have found thus far.

Gerry asked about the timeline for the new Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Ordinance to go live on ECODE360. Ashley will check with Derek on the status.

At the PTF meeting on 03/14/2024, we discussed the recent resurfacing of drilling fluid at Marsh Creek State Park, which was the site of an incident in August 2020. If a similar event were to occur in EGT, we should obtain our own samples of the drilling fluid for possible testing by an independent laboratory. Ashley checked with Mark Miller (Director of Public Works) and EGT has sample containers. Gerry can provide guidance on appropriate testing.

New Business

1338 Morstein Road Pipeline Awareness Study

The task force has reviewed this study and will submit their comments to the Planning Commission as requested. Part of this proposed development is located in West Whiteland. Chris Coleman (a resident of that township) expressed concern regarding access during an emergency since it appears there will be only one road in and out of this proposed development. This topic is outside the purview of the PTF, but the concern will be brought to the attention of the Planning Commission. [PMN: PTF comments were sent to the Planning Commission Chair on 04/29/2024.]

Reports / Legislative Update

None.

Liaison Reports

None.

Correspondence / Any Other Matter

Judi has been attending Chester Residents Concerned for Quality Living (CRQL) meetings. She reported that they have discussed air monitors. David has a contact and will talk with them about this topic.

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 13, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Nowak, Office Administrator

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