

PIPELINE TASK FORCE
Thursday September 12, 2024
East Goshen Township Building
FINAL MINUTES

Members Present are highlighted

Chair: Gerry Sexton; Vice Chair: Mary McCloskey

Members: Judi DiFonzo, John McDonough

Others Present are highlighted

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

Office Administrator: Ashley Nowak

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 7:03pm.

Recording

The meeting was not being recorded.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the August 8, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved with one minor revision to the discussion of the path forward regarding hydrogen pipelines. Barbara will advise the BOS at *a future meeting* that the PTF is working on this topic.

Public Comment

None.

Chairperson's Report

Gerry shared highlights from some recent articles he read. Topics included hydrogen hubs, the risks associated with current carbon capture methodologies, and technology improvements for carbon capture and hydrogen production. Judi shared that researchers at Penn State are investigating blending hydrogen with natural gas. She added that Europe seems to be focused on hydrogen blending and is working towards being carbon neutral by 2038.

Old Business

Hydrogen Pipelines

Review additional research on existing regulations and guidelines: The group discussed their latest findings. There are currently few rules that are specific to hydrogen pipelines.

Develop a path forward: Judi suggested bringing the idea of an ordinance to the Township Solicitor to determine if EGT can enforce stricter rules regarding hydrogen pipelines. Barbara recommended reviewing the code for second class townships in PA and Judi volunteered to look into it. John shared that he reviewed a paper from Princeton about regulations. The group concluded there are still a lot of questions regarding responsibilities for hydrogen pipelines and agreed to continue their research. Gerry will build a rough draft of a hydrogen pipeline ordinance for the PTF to review.

New Business

PTF Article for Spring 2025 EGT Newsletter. Deadline is 10/25/2024

The topic for the next article will be a recap of our accomplishments for this year and our goals for next year.

Reports / Legislative Update

None.

Liaison Reports

None.

Correspondence / Any Other Matter

None.

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 10, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Nowak, Office Administrator

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