

East Goshen Township
Pipeline Task Force Meeting Agenda
Thursday, November 14, 2024
East Goshen Township Building
7:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81668580718>

Dial In Number: 1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 816 6858 0718

1. Call to Order (7:00 PM)
2. Ask if anyone is recording the meeting
3. Approval of Minutes (7:05 PM to 7:10 PM)
October 10, 2024
4. Public Comment (7:10 PM to 7:15 PM)
5. Chairperson's Report (7:15 PM to 7:25 PM)
6. Old Business (7:25 PM to 8:30 PM)
 - a. Hydrogen pipelines.
 - Research regarding proposed setback distances.
 - Draft ordinance revisions.
 - Path forward.
 - b. La Porte pipeline fire.
 - Regulations regarding requirements for protective/safety equipment around above-ground infrastructure on pipelines.
7. New Business (8:30 PM to 9:05 PM)
 - a. Zoom meeting precautions.
 - b. PTF in 2025.
8. Reports / Legislative Update (9:05 PM to 9:15 PM)
9. Liaison Reports (9:15 PM to 9:25 PM)
 - a. CC-PSAB Meeting 10/24/2024 (Judi).
10. Correspondence / Any Other Matter (9:25 PM to 9:30 PM)
11. Next Meeting
Meeting schedule for 2025 to be determined.
12. Adjournment (9:30 PM)

1 PIPELINE TASK FORCE
2 Thursday October 10, 2024
3 East Goshen Township Building
4 DRAFT MINUTES
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7 **Members Present are highlighted**

8 **Chair: Gerry Sexton; Vice Chair: Mary McCloskey; Members: Judi DiFonzo, John**
9 **McDonough**

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11 **Others Present are highlighted**

12 **Township Supervisor: Barbara Emery; Township Manager: Derek Davis;**
13 **Office Administrator: Ashley Nowak; Nathaniel Smith (West Chester Resident-via**
14 **Zoom)**

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16 **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>

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18 **Call to Order**

19 Gerry called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.
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21 **Recording**

22 The meeting was not being recorded.
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Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September 12, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

None.

Chairperson’s Report

Gerry noted that West Whiteland Township recently adopted a carbon dioxide pipeline ordinance that is very similar to the one in EGT.

Old Business

Hydrogen Pipelines

Continued discussion of this topic including our latest findings. So far, few existing regulations and guidelines specific to hydrogen pipelines have been identified. The group reviewed a first draft of a proposed ordinance and an appendix. Barbara suggested that wording be added to the subsection on material of construction for hydrogen pipelines in the draft ordinance to better explain why hydrogen embrittlement is a critical issue. This comment will be addressed in the next draft. The use of permits to regulate hydrogen pipelines in the township was discussed. It is felt that an ordinance could serve as the basis for any future permitting requirements. The group agreed that we need to do some more research on proposed setback distances. We are looking for justifications or examples already in practice.

PTF Article for Spring 2025 EGT Newsletter

The revised deadline is 10/29/2024. The topic will be a recap of our accomplishments for this year and our goals for next year. Gerry will email a draft to the PTF by 10/16/2024. Comments are due to Gerry by 10/21/2024. [PMN: All of these tasks were completed and the article was emailed to Jessica Wilhelmy and Ashley Nowak on 10/24/2024.]

New Business

Pipeline fire in La Porte Texas

The group discussed a summary of this incident that Gerry prepared and emailed on 09/22/2024. There are many features of this La Porte pipeline that are similar to those for pipelines in EGT. Mary will research regulations regarding the requirement for protective/safety equipment around above-ground infrastructure (like valve stations) on pipelines. These regulations could be at the federal, state, or local level.

Reports / Legislative Update

Insert summary of Mary’s email interactions with Chester County Commissioner Josh Maxwell.

Liaison Reports

None.

1 **Correspondence / Any Other Matter**

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4 **Next meeting**

5 The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 14, 2024 at 7:00pm.

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7 **Adjournment**

8 The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

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10 Respectfully submitted,

11 *Gerald Sexton, Chair East Goshen Pipeline Task Force*

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