

**East Goshen Township**  
**Pipeline Task Force Meeting Agenda**  
Tuesday, September 16, 2025  
East Goshen Township Building  
10:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

Registration Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/0-zUb55KRWqhlUCjC1acfQ>

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1. Call to Order (10:00 AM)
2. Ask if anyone is recording the meeting
3. Approval of Minutes (10:05 AM to 10:10 AM)
  - a. July 15, 2025
4. Public Comment (10:10 AM to 10:15 AM)
5. Chairperson's Report (10:15 AM to 10:30 AM)
6. Old Business (10:30 AM to 11:15 AM)
  - a. Update on formal request to PennDOT for guard railing on Paoli Pike at the Williams natural gas valve station.
  - b. Update on jet fuel pipeline leak in Upper Makefield Township.
  - c. Update on MACH2.
  - d. Update on Chester County Emergency Planning – EGT Pipeline Incident Annex.
7. New Business (11:15 AM to 11:45 AM)
  - a. PTF article for next township newsletter.
  - b. Plans to invite our local legislators to future PTF meetings.
8. Reports / Legislative Update (11:45 PM to 11:50 AM)
9. Liaison Reports (11:50 AM to 11:55 AM)
10. Correspondence / Any Other Matter (11:55 AM to 12:00 PM)
11. Next Meeting  
Scheduled for Tuesday November 18, 2025 at 10:00 AM.
12. Adjournment (12:00 PM)

**PIPELINE TASK FORCE**  
**Tuesday July 15, 2025**  
**East Goshen Township Building**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Members Present are highlighted**

**Chair: Gerry Sexton; Vice Chair: Mary McCloskey; Members: Judi DiFonzo**

**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&amp;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 10:07 am.

**Recording**

The meeting was not being recorded.

**Approval of Minutes**

The draft minutes from May 19, 2025 were approved as is.

1 **Public Comment**

2 Russ Frank had questions about the proposed hydrogen hub MACH2. Gerry responded.

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4 **Chairperson's Report**

5 Gerry summarized an article he read about planting trees to offset carbon emissions from  
6 fossil fuels. Researchers in the UK performed calculations to determine the practicality of  
7 this methodology. They started by estimating the potential carbon dioxide emissions  
8 from the fossil fuel reserves of the 200 largest oil, gas, and coal fuel companies. They then  
9 determined the ability and cost of planting trees to remove carbon through  
10 photosynthesis. They concluded that trees would have to cover the entire land mass of  
11 North and Central America to capture this amount of carbon dioxide. The cost to plant  
12 that many trees would be \$10.8 trillion, which is more than the entire combined market  
13 valuation of \$7.01 trillion for these companies. This article makes the point that it is  
14 financially impossible to offset enough carbon to compensate for future fossil fuel  
15 burning.

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17 He also shared another article about a startup company using bacteria to turn carbon  
18 dioxide into commercial-grade compounds. By using carbon dioxide that would have  
19 otherwise entered the atmosphere, this technology can reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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21 **Old Business**

22 **Hydrogen Pipelines Ordinance**

23 The BOS voted on June 17, 2025 to advertise the Hydrogen Pipeline Ordinance. It is on  
24 the BOS meeting agenda to be voted on for passage at their meeting tonight. [PMN: The  
25 BOS approved this ordinance on July 15, 2025.]

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27 **Update on formal request to PennDOT for guard railing on Paoli Pike at the**  
28 **Williams natural gas valve station**

29 The formal request was submitted to PennDOT by Pennoni. It is typically a 4 to 6 week  
30 turnaround time for a reply.

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32 **Update on jet fuel pipeline leak in Upper Makefield Township**

33 Judi had previously asked if water quality testing by Aqua would have detected the  
34 compounds from this leak. Gerry reviewed the Aqua 2024 Water Quality Report for the  
35 Main System in the West Chester area for some guidance. There is testing for certain  
36 volatile organic contaminants. However, it is unclear if typical water quality testing  
37 protocols would have detected the compounds in question. Also, the affected wells were  
38 private water sources which are not routinely tested by a municipal water authority. DEP  
39 has scheduled a town hall in Upper Makefield Township building tonight to provide  
40 updates.

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42 **New Business**

43 **PTF article for next township newsletter**

44 The group discussed ideas for the next article. Ashley will talk with Jessica Wilhelmy  
45 about the due date. This item will be on the agenda for the next PTF meeting.

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2 **PA House Bill 502**

3 The bill was tabled by the PA House Energy Committee. It was noted that the West  
4 Whiteland Township BOS sent a letter to Senator Comitta and Representative Howard  
5 stating their opposition to this bill.  
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7 **Inviting our local legislators to future PTF meetings**

8 Mary will email our state legislators (Kristine Howard, Chris Pielli, and Carolyn Comitta)  
9 advising them of our future PTF meetings. She will determine if they would be interested  
10 in attending.  
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12 **Reports / Legislative Update**

13 None.  
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15 **Liaison Reports**

16 None.  
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18 **Correspondence / Any Other Matter**

19 None.  
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21 **Next meeting**

22 The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 10:00am.  
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24 **Adjournment**

25 The meeting was adjourned at 11:32am.  
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27 Respectfully submitted,

28 *Ashley Nowak, Office Administrator*  
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