

PIPELINE TASK FORCE
Tuesday November 18, 2025
East Goshen Township Building
FINAL 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; EASC Board Member: Kennan Flanagan (via Zoom)

COMMON ACRONYMS:

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| <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 10:04 am.

Recording

The meeting was not being recorded.

Approval of Minutes

The draft minutes from September 16, 2025 were approved as is.

Public Comment

None.

Chairperson's Report

Gerry summarized an article he read that described a newly patented carbon capture technology. A material, which is highly effective at absorbing carbon dioxide from the air, is synthesized from spent coffee grounds and plastic waste. The environmental benefits of this invention are huge.

Old Business

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

Derek shared that PennDOT denied our formal request for this guard railing. He suggested contacting Williams to inquire about providing extra protection at this valve station. He also suggested contacting the property owner to determine if they would be amenable to having additional safety measures installed on their land. The PTF would like to appeal this decision by PennDOT. Gerry will work on drafting a response letter to PennDOT from the township. Our local legislators will be copied. Mary will make the initial contact with them.

Results of Chester County Pipeline Incident Full Scale Exercise on 10/27/2025

Judi and Gerry observed this exercise. It was very interesting and highly informative. They provided feedback to the Chester County Department of Emergency Services, who organized the exercise. Kennan commented on the potential ignition sources during a pipeline leak.

Update on Chester County Emergency Planning - EGT Pipeline Incident Annex

The township is waiting for this annex. The PTF will provide input once it is received. The BOS will then need to review and approve it.

Plans to invite local legislators to future PTF meetings

Mary has reached out to our local legislators. Representative Pielli agreed to attend. He will talk with Representative Howard and Senator Comitta.

New Business

Proposed carbon dioxide pipeline in Louisiana

Gerry summarized an article he read regarding a new carbon dioxide pipeline that Exxon is proposing. It would be located in a residential area in Louisiana. The distances from nearby businesses and homes are significantly less than those described in the EGT ordinance on Carbon Dioxide Transmission Pipelines.

PTF article for next township newsletter

The group discussed possible topics for the next newsletter. Given the current schedule, we can work on this at our meetings early next year. [PMN: The newsletter deadline has been moved up. Therefore, this article will need to be finalized at our next meeting.]

PTF meeting schedule for 2026

The group agreed to adopt a meeting schedule for 2026 that is similar to 2025. We will meet on the third Tuesday of the odd numbered months. The one exception will be in May when the meeting will occur on the third Monday to avoid conflict with primary election day. The meeting time will remain at 10:00 AM.

Reports / Legislative Update

None.

Liaison Reports

None

Correspondence / Any Other Matter

None

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 10:00am.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Nowak, Office Administrator

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