

**PIPELINE TASK FORCE**  
**Tuesday March 17, 2026**  
**East Goshen Township Building**  
**FINAL MINUTES**

**Members Present are highlighted**

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

**Others Present are highlighted**

**Township Manager: Derek Davis; Township Supervisor: Ann Duffield; Office Administrator: Ashley Nowak; Resident: Carolyn Sollecito**

**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 10:06 am.

**Recording**

The meeting was not being recorded.

**Approval of Minutes**

The draft minutes from January 20, 2026, were approved as is.

## **Public Comment**

None.

## **Chairperson's Report**

Gerry summarized an article titled *Rethinking Safety in Carbon Capture and Storage Systems* from Chemical Engineering Process magazine February 2026. The authors state the importance of pipeline operators maintaining technical and regulatory safeguards.

## **Old Business**

### **Update on letter to PennDOT appealing their decision on Paoli Pike guide railing at Williams/Transco natural gas valve station**

Derek shared that he is working with Pennoni (township engineer) to identify the correct contacts and will send the letter out shortly. He will also copy the appropriate elected officials. Derek spoke with Williams/Transco and they are potentially open to the idea of adding protection (such as bollards) near the valve station. Derek will have Pennoni start the preliminary design process which can be discussed with Williams/Transco.

### **Update on Chester County Emergency Planning – EGT Pipeline Incident Annex**

The PTF will review this document after it is received from Duane Brady (Emergency Management Coordinator).

### **Update on outcomes from ABC Biennial Planning Session on 03/10/2026**

Gerry attended this planning session. The PTF's accomplishments and goals were well received. The Planning Commission is discussing data centers and the possibility of an amendment to the zoning ordinance. This is an opportunity for the PTF to provide input and work with the Planning Commission.

## **New Business**

### **Discuss potential future changes to pipeline utilization in EGT**

Mary had previously sent an email to the PTF regarding recent world events and the impact on energy use. The group discussed this topic and the potential for changes to pipeline utilization in the township. Carolyn Sollecito shared pertinent information from the PA Bar Association Meeting she recently attended. The group also discussed a proposed data center in East Whiteland Township.

### **Discuss Pipeline data base**

A previous PTF member, John McDonough, created an EGT pipeline database. The group agreed this will remain an internal document for now.

### **Discuss report on La Porte pipeline fire (email from Gerry on 02/07/2026)**

Gerry had previously sent the PTF an email regarding a report on the La Porte pipeline fire issued by the Texas Railroad Commission (which regulates pipelines in that state) and a news article that discusses this report. The group reviewed the details in these documents.

**Discuss topics for next township newsletter**

The due date for next newsletter article is 06/30/2026. The group discussed possible topics. Mary and Judi will collaborate and prepare a draft write-up for review at the next PTF meeting.

**Reports / Legislative Update**

None.

**Liaison Reports**

None.

**Correspondence / Any Other Matter**

None.

**Next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 18, 2026** at 10:00am. Note that Tuesday May 19 is primary election day.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50am.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Ashley Nowak, Office Administrator*

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