

Meeting Minutes
Public Meeting of the
Chester County Pipeline Safety Advisory Board

Thursday, July 27
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Chester County Government Services Building
601 Westtown Road West Chester, PA 19380 Room 042
Also available virtually via Zoom

1. Member Introductions/Attendance

- Director Messerschmidt took attendance in the absence of Secretary Vinnacombe

2. Public Comment

- Ginny Marcille-Kerslake West Whiteland Township commented on the update for the Emergency Plan for Mariner East and noted that they would like to reserve to the opportunity to comment until after the plan was heard. Ginny noted that they had attended the update at the recent Commissioners meeting and noted that it was disappointing the update was not given by the consulting firm. Ginny said that they were concerned that the board and the public was left out of the review of the plan/process. Ginny noted that there isn't much on the website and that the minutes were out of date and vague.

3. Approval of the April 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- The board did not have a quorum and was unable to approve the meeting minutes

4. Review Status of Action Items

- Director Messerschmidt reviewed the status of the action items

5. Pipeline Safety Plan Update

- Tony Przychodzien from Chester County Department of Emergency Services provided an update on the Pipeline Safety Plan
 - Emergency Management is having weekly meetings with the contractors and they have had two meetings with municipalities
 - A questionnaire was created to get the additional municipality specific information needed for the plan
 - The county plan has been reviewed by several deputy directors and took the information and updated the plan
 - Working on scheduling a meeting with the pipeline operators to get expectations understood and set
- Board Member Tompkins asked if the plan was accessible to the board

6. Health & Safety Committee Briefing

- Board Member Nickerson noted that they had a kick off meeting with the committee and scheduled a presentation from the Physicians for Social Responsibility for PA to get a better idea on the concerns from about operations in pipeline facilities. Board Member Nickerson had some questions that they were able to ask during the meeting. Board Member Nickerson noted that the Physicians for Social Responsibility might have had some false thoughts/concerns about the way waste is handled at pipeline facilities during pigging operations which they were able to discuss. Board Member Nickerson noted that the group provided good information and hit on some topics that were local, state, and national with local being the biggest focus/interest for the Health & Safety Committee. In an effort to make sure the committee gets both viewpoints, they are going to reach out to pipeline companies and DEP.

- Director Messerschmidt asked if the Health & Safety Committee had a standing meeting or if was as needed

7. Standing Committee Briefings, if Applicable

- There were no additional Standing Committee Briefings

8. Overview of PSAB Website Uploads

- There were no uploads during this quarter, Director Messerschmidt noted he would look into the posting on the public side

9. Board Open Discussion

- There were no additional board comments

10. Public Comment

- Ginny Marcille-Kerslake from West Whiteland Township noted that this was a quarterly meeting and that there was no quorum and that nothing gets completed outside of the quarterly meetings. Ginny noted that there wasn't much on the update for the emergency plan and that three new sinkholes appeared in West Whiteland Township in line with Mariner East 2.
- Director O'Leary encouraged the public to go to the Pipeline Information Center and to share any information they don't see on the website with Carrie Conwell (Planning Commission)

11. Adjournment

- Board Member Tompkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting
- Director Messerschmidt seconded the motion
- The motion was approved with no objections
- The meeting was adjourned