

Proposed Centre Township Transmission Lines Community Meeting Minutes

April 20th, 2026

Sunbury Line

Some commented that the Juniata Sunbury line has not been finalized yet. They received a letter before Thanksgiving with a week's notice for public meeting in Millerstown. PPL has an existing 200' width for a 500kv line on their property. PPL is looking to rehabilitate it and cannot do so in place, they need to add another 100' of width and build a new 500kv line and then decommission the old line.

At the public meeting, PPL said they were going to do a new agreement for the whole 300' width. The original 200' width agreement was done back in the '60s. Having a new agreement could be preferable because you can make adjustments to the agreement.

They were told that PPL was going to be doing surveys this year. A representative came out with a packet wanting them to sign for 'cart blanche' access. He reached out to the PPL representative and sent them a revised contract that included stipulations and did not give them 'cart blanche' - they have not heard back from PPL.

At the public meeting, there was a presentation board with a timeline and they took some notes but cannot find the information publicly: 2026 acquisition studies, 2027 get PUC approval, 2028-2030 project construction.

They also stated that the state park, which is also being impacted, did not even know anything about it.

Honey Grove Line

It was mentioned that Cory Michaelson from PPL came into a Centre township meeting looking for 200 acres in Juniata county to create a new substation, this seems to be the future endpoint of the honey grove line.

Another stated that PPL stopped asking people at cold storage. He said PPL would give him an offer to buy his property, or parts of it, within a month. He was also told that PPL anticipated construction later this year.

Some individuals had heard about a company looking to put a data center out by fahnestack area, looking for 1,000 acres. They seem willing to pay \$1million for a house and \$100k an acre.

Electromagnetic fields were discussed and how state or federal governments could never say that living near transmission lines is dangerous because millions of people already live there, they've boxed themselves in. Many individuals recounted stories of noticeable electric shocks while under the power lines and the inability to park certain vehicles or equipment too close for fear of getting shocked.

Suggested Avenues for Action

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) was brought up. This organization sets the standards that our Federal Energy Regulatory Commissions (FERC) needs to follow.

Another attendee stated that when they come through to clear trees, they leave an incredible mess. They cut the trees at unusable lengths for timber companies, lay them off to the side to rot, and leave trash and oil cans behind. He said that he has a field of American Chestnut trees (an endangered species) that the lines are looking to travel over. He's looking to use that as a reason to try and stop it. He stated that you can reach out to the state to get Chestnuts registered if you have them.

Another attendee mentioned that if you have a forestry management plan done with a certified forester, it made an impression on the way his PPL representative acted. He said he had to immediately take that management plan back to his team and be in touch. It seemed that PPL would now require a special surveyor to come out instead of their standard surveyor.

Another attendee mentioned that news companies would be helpful, they are good at digging up letters and other info between companies and politicians and the public utility commission.

It was stated that getting municipalities involved could also be helpful, there could be plenty of people to get involved since these lines cross many miles and other townships.

An attendee asked if anyone's considered a class action lawsuit. Everyone seemed amendable to it but knew that we would need more people and someone to organize it.

It was stated that everyone should talk to their neighbors and reach out to at least one representative. We can reconvene in a month, **the 18th of May.**

The pony barn on Cold Storage and the family life center were mentioned as potential locations to meet if the crowd size got bigger.

The Perry County commissioners will be invited.