

Northwest Ohio Damage Prevention Council Meeting Minutes 07/09/09

The meeting was called to order by Rick Bishop.

Everyone present briefly introduced themselves

It was moved and seconded to accept the June 11 meeting minutes.

Alice Miller gave an update on the marking subcommittee. All proposed marking standards have been developed. The marketing company will shoot the instructional video in the middle of August. The marketing company will be at the 9/17/09 subcommittee meeting to review what they have done. Beginning in October, Alice will meet with each of the Ohio DPC's to review the proposed marking standards. Alice will make a presentation to our council in November or December.

Alice Miller announced that the annual OUPS meeting will be in August. On 8/20/09 there will be clay shooting and golf. The meeting will be on 8/21/09. Proposed changes to bylaws will be introduced. Please be there to vote. Go to OUPS.org for more information.

Alice Miller indicated that the one-call legislation was introduced.

Rick Bishop announced that Ozz Johnson is retiring. Alice Miller said that he will be recognized at the 8/21/09 OUPS meeting.

Mark Shiple from the Lucas County Engineers Office said that the work on Angola Rd. is scheduled to be done at the end of September.

Mark Shiple reiterated that Alice Miller is to be complemented regarding her work on the marking subcommittee.

Sewer work on Hill should be completed in August. Accolades to Chris Hibbett for his work at ODOT.

Charles Shelton announced that OSHA will be ramping up compliance assistance and enforcement. Stimulus dollars will facilitate more field visits. Class three vests are required within 15' of the road right of way.

Our guest speaker was Stan Dobrowski of Utility Service and Supply. Stan demonstrated the Inspector 07 device. This device is a tracer, which means that it needs a starting point. It will trace anything buried, including PVC. A DVD on the device was shown. The device uses microwave frequencies to detect anything with an edge. It works on four c cell batteries which translates to one week of full time use. It consists of a transmitter, receiver and a laser to mark. A green LED light flashes when the battery is low. There are three sensitivity settings. Different methods of approach to deal with various terrains and field conditions were mentioned. This device does not need to be hooked up to anything.

The meeting was adjourned. A field demonstration of the Inspector 07 was held.

Submitted by: Carol Detzel, Secretary
July 9, 2009