



Mission Statement: The Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council was created to bring together underground facility operators, governmental agencies, excavators, industry associations, and service providers to address issues related to the goal of reducing damages to underground facilities, to provide cooperation and coordination of construction activities, and to improve communications, involvement, and commitment to these goals.

Minutes from March 17th, 2010

The Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council held its monthly meeting March 17th, 2010 at the City of Columbus Transportation Conference Center at 1881 E 25th Ave, Columbus. Scott Tustin called the meeting to order, read the mission statement and everyone introduced themselves and the Company they represent.

The minutes of the February Council meeting were reviewed and accepted after a motion by Howard Lauder milk and a second by Ken Yost. Minutes were accepted as written.

Safe Digging Month will be April 2010. Local events have been planned or are in the works from DPC's across the State. Our Council has selected a beautification project at the Martin Janis Center in Columbus, one of the recently re-opened recreation centers here in central Ohio. Our event will take place April 21st, 2010 starting around 9:00AM. The Center is located at 600 E. 11th Ave and is especially important as it serves our senior community by giving them access to a clean, air conditioned facility with a fitness room, a game room, dancing, crafts and many other activities important to enrich the quality of life for our seniors.

Parks and Recs employee Susie Johnson will design the project, the Council will provide materials as well as volunteer labor and many of those materials and equipment needed will be donated by local businesses. The media will be on hand to give coverage to both the message we are taking to the community to call before you dig and the re-opening of the center.

Sharing of upcoming projects included the Columbia Gas riser replacement program update, 200,000 have been installed so far, with a bit of a reduction taking place this year. WOW cable is installing over 80 miles of new service mostly in Delaware County.

Alice Miller of O.U.P.S. gave an overview of the Marking Standards adopted and released earlier this year. She provided information kits and also made us aware they are available online at OUPS.org. along with more information on the standards themselves.

George Gillespie thanked the Council members for another good volunteer group who logged over 65 hours at the Columbus Home and Garden show in February to help spread the Safe Digging message for O.U.P.S.

The All-Ohio Safety Congress will be held March 30, 31 and April 1 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. This is Ohio's largest and most established safety and health event. Participating can help you reduce training costs, earn free CEUs for accreditation and BWC discounts, solve problems with peers at roundtable discussions, help prevent workplace injuries and illnesses and meet training standards, among other important agenda items. Please go to the Ohio BWC website at www.ohiobwc.com for more information.

Our Council will be creating a sub-committee to develop a plan to organize an upcoming contractor's event for this year and next. More information will be coming at the March meeting.

The next meeting of the Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council will be held April 21st, 2010 at the City of Columbus Transportation Conference Center at 1881 E. 25th Ave. and starts at 9:00AM. Please contact our secretary for more details.

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