

Meeting Minutes for:



Location: 4141 Rosslyn Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45209

Meeting Sponsor: Woolpert

Date: July 2, 1:00 p.m.

Officers:

Frank Ward – Chairman

Frank Gibbs – Vice Chairman

Susan Browning – Secretary

Walt Pegram – Treasurer

I. Introduction

- The meeting was opened with introductions around the table.

II. Education Topic

- Entering tickets (calling or iDig) was discussed. Issues that users are coming across was discussed. An emergency locate can only be called in for an essential service. There is some confusion about if a township isn't known.

III. New Business

- Minutes from June were approved.
- The Design Engineer/Utility/OUPS ad-hoc committee will meet in August. It will be a small meeting to get the team up and running. They will discuss who should be involved in future meetings. Frank Ward is spearheading.
- The new legislation was discussed. The updated version came out and it was presented as a bill on July 2. Paper copies were distributed. Many things that were of concern to council members were not addressed.
- The dinner committee met and the 2009 dinner will be held at Germania Park on August 13. The speaker will be either Steve Ashbrock on trenching or a Cincinnati Police officer on how to handle work force violence. Social hour will start at 4:00 p.m.
- Dave Berens e-mailed the CGA review last week.
- Safety Innovations talked about the transitions out light poles. This item has lights on aluminum and it runs off small generator – it will light up 15,000 square feet.
- No damages from June were discussed.
- Construction Update:
 - BP is doing a tie-in today in Hamilton.
 - The results are in from the SMART DIG – their lines are in much better shape than anticipated.
 - East CEIP is starting and targeting 37 streets.

- The hillside on Elberon is being reinforced.
- School House Road will be closed starting Monday through November 1 between Teal Town and Old 74.
- OCA meeting had discussion on the BWC.
- IN811 call volume is running 5-7% less year-to-date compared to 2008. They are trying to get DPC's started in Indiana.
- KY811 call volume increased in May 2009 versus May 2008 (up 23%). The annual meeting was held in early June. The golf outing was rained out.
 - August 6 is the Northern Kentucky DPC meeting to be held at the Northern Kentucky Water Works building.

IV. OUPS Update

- The Richfield safety day was a big success and they are looking forward to the Safety Day which will be held on October 1, 2009, in Miamisburg.
- The annual meeting will be held on August 20 and 21. It is open to all members. The golf outing will be on August 20 and the meeting on August 21.
- The call volume is down 3% for June.
- CGA has a Best Practice committee on marking service laterals.
- OUPS has a consortium for purchasing logo items. Some items are discounted so the OUPS logo will be promoted for damage prevention. Visit oups.org – consortium buying for details.

V. Next Meeting – **TUESDAY**, July 7, 2008, at Butler County Engineers Office, 1:00 p.m.

INTERNET SITES OF INTEREST

www.oups.org – OUPS

www.ohioonecall.org – I-Dig and I-Grid

www.safegasohio.org – OGA sponsored natural gas safety site

www.duke-energy.com/safety/contractors-and-first-responders.asp – Duke Energy Contractor Site

www.kentucky811.org – Kentucky 811

www.diggingsafely.com/mea/ – Midwest Energy Association (excavation safety training available online)