

Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council Minutes

August 2021

The August meeting of the Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council took place as a hybrid through zoom and in person at the Builders Exchange of Central Ohio on August 18, 2021. Rosie Leuby read the mission statement.

Emergency Action Plan was reviewed by Collins Cranmer.

Introductions for all participants.

The review of the July meeting minutes took place, no changes were suggested. Liz Pyles made a motion for approval of the minutes and second was made by Greg First. Vote was taken, all approved.

Attendance was taken.

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| 1. Baxter, Kevin | 13. Hughes, Greg | 25. Seifert, Mike* |
| 2. Bowerman, Russ | 14. Hunt, Aaron* | 26. Seeholtz, Kevin |
| 3. Bullock, Travis | 15. Johnson, Joel | 27. Shreyer, Matt |
| 4. Burlett, Jessica | 16. Kelley, Jacque | 28. Thomas, Briant |
| 5. Buskirk, Steve* | 17. Kleemeyer, Josh | 29. Tonneti, Al |
| 6. Cranmer, Collins* | 18. Lancia, Scott | 30. Wade, Lori* |
| 7. Davis, Andrea | 19. Leuby, Rosie* | 31. Wooten, Jim |
| 8. First, Greg* | 20. McCann, Alex | 32. Zarbaugh, Tanner |
| 9. Fox, Doug | 21. Mergler, Scott* | |
| 10. Gilland, Dave | 22. Parady, Christina | |
| 11. Gillespie, George* | 23. Pyles, Liz* | |
| 12. Harris, Debbie | 24. Raju, Nita | |

*denotes attended in person

Safety Moment:

Guest Speaker:

Jim Wooten, CenterPoint Energy; Phone: 937-541-2537; Email: Jim.wooten@centerpointenergy.com

Damages and Locates Discussion:

Jacque Kelley brought up an issue with private locates. One time the private sewer for the condo association tied into the main was not marked.

Lori Wade brought up the issue of underground dog fence.

Aaron Hunt brought up the issue with new developments.

Liz Pyles brought up that the definition of excavation has been overlooked by the concrete crews and training is ramping up to remind that any penetration of the ground can be susceptible of damaging a utility.

Lori Wade stated that at testing the facility is marked. The line is being marked by the installer until it is mapped and turned over to Columbia Gas.

Jim Wooten stated CenterPoint Energy best practice is to required installers to back flagged until turned over.

We are asking members to let us know the protocol of new developments to put in the newsletter.

Old Business

Marking Standards:

Liz Pyles and Steve Buskirk participated on the Marking Standards Committee meeting on August 3, 2021. The consensus was:

1. Symbol for pipes of "large" size to identify
 - a. In support
2. Looping mark around transformers/end where facilities loop
 - a. Best practice for All above ground utility structures should be respected as a mark with the 18 inch tolerance zone around it will be noted.
3. Demarkation of line to measure from line until uncovered and identified
 - a. In support, best practice will be noted.
4. FG for Fiber Glass being added to material
 - a. In support and will be added.

Greg First asked if other states are following some sort of practice for large diameter, and maybe we should look at that practice. Steve Buskirk will follow up with the center to ask.

August 11, 2021 Event:

The Clippers game was held on August 11, 2021. Thank you Danbert, AEP, Columbia Gas.

Next Meeting:

September meeting will be virtual only.

News Letter:

The Q2, 2021 Newsletter was sent out. Please submit any suggestions to: Jacque Kelley, jkelley@columbus.gov, or Lori Wade, lwade@nisource.com

Suggestions for the next newsletter: protocols from utility members on how they mark for new developments; 811 day recap.

New Business:

Annual Membership Meeting - August 18-20, 2021

Volunteers are needed to help George Gillespie at the Farm Science Review, September 21 – 23, 2021. Please let George know by the next CODPC Meeting in August.

- Lori Wade, Scott Lancia, Matt Shreyer, Greg First, Jim Wooten, Miller Pipeline has volunteered.

Jim Wooten with CenterPoint Energy is going to do a mock gas line strike. The event will be at Montgomery County Fairgrounds at 9 a.m. on September 18, 2021.

Industry News:

George Gillespie:

- Ohio811 Updates:
 - Ticket volumes are up 1.58% for the year.
- Regional/National CGA News
 - CGA October, 2021 Orlando, Florida
- OUDPC
 - Sub-committees have been meeting
- UTC
 - August 26, 2021 at 10 a.m.

The next meeting will be held as a virtual meeting on September 15, 2021.

The meeting ended at 10:25 a.m. by Steve Buskirk.