

Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council

Agenda

March 20, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Liz Pyles at 9:05 a.m. and Kevin Baxter read the mission statement.

Emergency Action Plan – Jessica Burlett

Introductions – Jessica Burlett

Baxter, Kevin	Hill, Luther	Runner, Dan
Bowerman, Russell	Hunt, Aaron	Thayer, Zachary
Broyles, Jason	Jeter, Kermit	Thomas, Bret
Burlett, Jessica	Kleemeyer, Josh	Thompson, Tim
Chapman, Ashton	Mallett, Alec	Tom, Mike
Costell, Joe	Maynard, Zac	Tonetti, Al
Faherty, Hank	Millsop, Quinn	Wade, Lori
Foley, Jon	Mulcahy, Steven	Watson, Christine
Harris, Deborah	Porter, Scott	
Hegwood, Bradley	Pyles, Liz	

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – Jessica reviewed the February Meeting Minutes. There were small spelling edits made to the minutes. Jessica made a motion for for approval of the minutes and a second was made by Joe Costell. Vote was taken, all approved.

Guest Speaker – Mr. Scott Porter, Traffic Maintenance Manager with the City of Columbus regarding Steel Plate Procedures

DPC Committees

- Newsletter coming soon, anyone interested to help?
 - The next newsletter is slated for April 2024
 - National Natural Gas workers Appreciation Day was reviewed by Lori and suggested as an article
- By-Laws – next meeting April 4, 2024
 - All members are invited.
- Safe Dig Month – Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, Jason Broyles reviewed the details.
 - April 20, 2024 Fusion Marketing
 - Promos cannot be anything to end up in animal enclosure, no single-use plastic no crafts, no candy, limit the number of paper products

- Need 5 volunteers for the day set up 9:30 a.m. and tear down at 4 p.m.
- “What’s the 811?” – Zach and Joe Costell can work it out, discussed on good idea to try that day
- Toledo does a scavenger hunt for kids, maybe in future Columbus could copy the idea
- We will be keeping the subcommittee together for the events we have discussed, we can do them anytime maybe 8/11 day or during the uptick of damages, job safety awareness week, trench standdown

Old Business

Monster Jam – Saturday, April 27, 2024, 7 p.m. at the Schottenstein Center

Jessica explained the tickets will be available at the April meeting, and arrangements will be made if you don’t make the meeting

ICWHY, LTD / CODPC Golf Outing – May 10, 2024 Bent Tree Golf Club

Briant Thomas reviewed the need for sponsors and golfers for the event. Please sign up sooner than later.

New Business

Industry News

1. Ohio Damage Prevention Council News & Notes
2. Ohio Utilities Protection Service Updates – Jason Broyles reviewed
 - a. Up 2.97% over 2023, tickets are rising
 - b. Excavator seminars turned out tremendous, at max capacity at all of them
 - c. OHIO811 safety presentation is free! Reach out to any liaison if you are need at your organization
3. Regional/National News
 - a. Common Ground Alliance, April 14-18, 2024 Colorado Springs, CO
 - b. Global Excavation Safety Conference, March 19-21, 2024 New Orleans, LA
4. OUDPC/Coalition
 - a. Whole Coalition Meetings: April 18 or 25, 2024, many conflicts for April 18 and a poll will be coming out on the future date, July 25, 2024, October 24, 2024 at Ohio Contractors Association from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - b. Training Discussion Group: meeting went fair, lots of new people on the subject
 - c. Utility Coordination: meeting March 19, 2024, a lot of discussion around size and scope
5. UTC/PUCO

a. Thursday, May 9th, 13 cases were heard and 10 in the hopper for May

Discussion:

- Damages & locate issues –
 - Lori Wade gave a shout out to those who helped out with the tornado damage from last week, damaged utilities that needed repaired quickly
 - First responders, locators, municipalities that pulled together
 - Find a way to standardize locating private lines
 - Lori: how do private locates occur, anyone come in to speak?
 - Bidding has been hard to stay competitive
 - Soft digging a struggle, calling PKX and Badger piggybacking the tickets
 - PKX: they are hiring in Lancaster

Next Meeting:

April 17, 2024

910 Dublin Rd

DPU Water Plant

City of Columbus, 43215

