



NODPC Meeting

Wednesday, April 5th, 2023 @ 09:30am

09:31am to 11:05am

Independence Civic Center (6363 Selig Drive)

1.) Introductions

- The meeting started at 09:31am with a large attendance.

2.) Previous Meeting Minutes Approval

- There was a motion that was seconded for approval at 09:33am.

3.) Presentation – David Neale with Badger Daylighting

- The local Cleveland area Badger Daylighting office is based in Seville. They have eighteen hydrovacs locally with ninety-six branches in total.

4.) OHIO811 Updates

- There were 141,301 calls made to the center in March, which is up 3.29%YOY.
- There have been 342,867 calls for the year thus far which is up 13.76% (on track for a record year).
- Roughly 57% of the tickets are now online.
- OUPS will be attending the CGA Expo in Orlando in a few weeks (Scott attending). He will be bringing back information to share with the council.
- Excavator seminars finished up recently. They were well attended and received.
- OUPS will be scheduling the fall seminars next month (May).
- OUPS will be sending an interactive trailer to the Martinsville Speedway for the Call Before You Dig 250.

5.) Speakers for 2023

- Johnny Henson from USIC will be the speaker for May.
- We still need presenters for the remainder of the year.

6.) April Safe Digging Month

- There was no “shoot” available in April, so we will be attending that in November (possibly the 10th).
- The governor will be making a proclamation for safe digging month.

- The goal is to spread the word about safe digging.
- NODPC will be ordering ten banners for safe digging month. It was agreed that, prior to next year's safe digging month, the council needs to be proactive in deciding on and ordering banners and other items to arrive in time for April.

7.) Marking Standards Review

- There were no major changes to the standards (see packet for listing).
- The NODPC approved all the changes to the marking standards except for adding arrows at the end of markings as well as changing the "M" symbol verbiage.

8.) Open Discussion

- Ohio's new distracted driving law went into effect recently. Please ensure to share with your crews the importance of not only avoiding citations, but the safety factor behind the purpose of this legislation.
- Zayo Fiber is working on improving damage prevention in the area. They now have a dedicated locate call center that is open seven days a week.
- The next NODPC meeting will be on May 03rd at 09:30am at the same location (Independence Civic Center).

The meeting was adjourned at 1105.