

Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council

April Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Jessica Burlett and Steve Buskirk did the honors of reading the CODPC mission statement

Emergency Action Plan – Joel Johnson

Introductions – Jessica Burlett

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – Joel Johnson

Joel Johnson made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes. Frank Riegler seconded the motion. March meeting minutes were approved.

Introductions – Jessica Burlett

Frank Riegler

Deborah Harris

Kyle Mangione

Matt Reinhart

Jon Foley

Sonia Krammes

Brad Hegwood

Steve Buskirk

Josh Kleemeyer

Mike Tom

Robert Skeens

Zac Maynard

Quinn Millsop

Mitch Richard

Chris Watson

Zachary Thayer

Joel Johnson

Lori Wade

Kevin Baxter

Mark Timbrook

Katherine Klaus

James Jewell

Jacque Kelley

Alex McCann

Dough Fox

Tim Huffman

Russ Bowerman

Guest Speaker – Tim Huffman, City of Columbus – Manager, Water Distribution Engineering

DPC Committees

- Newsletter – *Lori still looking for articles. The group is still looking for ideas, safety topics and anything else that's pertinent to the newsletter.*
- By-Laws – *Still just high-level discussion around By-Laws. Still looking for a possible chairperson for the subcommittee.*
 - Trying to locate all current by-laws from all DPCs
- Safe Dig Month – *Frank spoke about the Zoo Earth Day event for our safe dig event. Frank also mentioned hitting 811 day with boots on the ground and getting out and showing appreciation to those in the field who do it right. Frank would like to start*

highlighting the good things our industry does and focus on the positive, and learn from the negative instead of making it a highlight.

- *Jessica asked for anyone who would like to organize or join in on building the 811 week/day event to please reach out.*

Old Business

Monster Jam – Saturday, April 27, 2024, 7 p.m. at the Schottenstein Center
Jessica has the tickets on hand and will distribute to those whose purchased them.

ICWHY, LTD / CODPC Golf Outing – May 10, 2024 Bent Tree Golf Club
Mitch mentioned needing more teams and sponsorships to make the event bigger and better. Joel will be sending out another email blast to push participation numbers.

New Business – *No new business was brought forward*

Industry News

1. Ohio Damage Prevention Council News & Notes
2. Ohio Utilities Protection Service Updates – *Ticket numbers for the month of March were down roughly 12% from last year, while tickets numbers for the year are down 3% in comparison to last year's numbers.*
3. Regional/National News
 - a. Common Ground Alliance, April 14-18, 2024 Colorado Springs, CO – *Liz Pyles is currently attending the CGA and will report out in the May meeting.*
 - b. Global Excavation & Safety Conference.
 - *Joel Johnson, Steve Buskirk and Frank Rielger spoke about the Global Excavation & Safety Conference held in New Orleans. Joel mentioned that digital white lining and large project tickets/coordination were a hot topic at the conference. Steve elaborated more on the "Coordinate PA" presentation, and described how Pennsylvania coordinates their states large projects.*
4. OUDPC/Coalition
 - a. Whole Coalition Meetings: May 30th, 2024, July 25, 2024, October 24, 2024 at Ohio Contractors Association from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
5. UTC/PUCO – *Next meeting May 9th @10am. Open to the public to sit in.*

Discussion:

- Damages & locate issues – *Lori Wade brought up an issue she had recently, in which a contractor intentionally cut a Columbia Gas line so they could set a shoring box. Lori will address this issue with the contractor involved.*

Next Meeting: **May 15, 2024**
Builder's Exchange

Meeting was adjourned @10:26am

