

Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council Minutes

February 2024

The February meeting of the Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council took place in person at the Builders Exchange of Central Ohio on February 21st, 2024.

Mike (Sam) read the Mission Statement.

Joel Johnson – Presented the emergency action plan.

Joel Johnson presented the January minutes. Jason Boyles noted one correction needed, which was to correct the spelling of Kevin Baxter. Joe Costello seconded the motion. January minutes were approved unanimously.

Attendees:

1. Frank Riegler
2. Joe Costell
3. Ash
4. Jon Foley
5. Jess Burlett
6. Vanessa Vickroy
7. Kevin Baxter
8. Al Tonetti
9. Deborah Harris
10. Aaron Hunt
11. Travis Bullock
12. Mitch
13. Danny Parker
14. Zachary Thayer
15. Kevin Lee Schimming
16. Clay Calland
17. Mike wine
18. Matt reinhart
19. Derek White
20. Joel Johnson
21. Zac Maynard
22. Jessica Burlett
23. Liz Pyles
24. Josh Kleemeyer

Chris Napoletano (Norfield) went over a presentation, regarding current and future ways, technology can help in mitigation of underground utility damages.

Roger Lipscomb notified the council about upcoming software updates coming from the center in reference to Norfield (Logix, centerlogix). End users should not see any changes in day-to-day activity.

Newsletter updates: Lori spoke about the information in the newsletter and implored the council to notify the newsletter group on any ideas or articles to put in the newsletter. Joe Costell, mentioned he liked seeing the member spotlight in the newsletter. Mitch Richard will be the spotlight for the Q1 newsletter. Jessica Burlett and Lori Wade mentioned that any events or projects that your company has completed, or has planned, are welcome to be put in the newsletter.

By-Laws subcommittee: Kevin Schimming asked for more clarity on what the direction of the subcommittee is. Mr. Schimming was under the impression the subcommittee was looking at mimicking other council by-laws. Jacque Kelley mentioned that she felt the subcommittee was introduced to look at the terms of the officers. Roger Lipscomb spoke to the council on the history makeup of the damage prevention councils and how they operate. Mr. Lipscomb mentioned that mimicking by-laws as close as possible to other councils, could help the members who attend multiple councils, by taking away confusion regarding operational details.

Below is a direct link to CODPC and other councils' by-laws

<https://oups.org/damage-prevention-councils/#central-ohio>

Safe Dig Month: Lori Wade let the council know, she spoke with someone from the Wounded Warrior Project for a possible safe dig month project. Information is still being gathered on a potential partnership for our project. Jason Broyles suggested reaching out to local VFW post to find veterans in need.

Frank Riegler spoke about an opportunity, presented to him, about a possible Earth Day event at the Columbus Zoo. Roger Lipscomb let the council know, that OHIO811 is willing to split the cost of having a booth at the event. Lori Wade mentioned there is a high probability she can get a sponsor from CG. Jason Broyles suggested asking other councils for sponsorships due to their members facilities also being in the area around the Columbus Zoo.

Joe Costell made a motion to move forward with pursuing a booth spot at the Columbus Zoo for Earth Day. Lori Wade seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jessica Burlett spoke on the "Why do you come and what do you want to take away?" Jessica mentioned 2 big takeaways from the survey. Which were, networking and keeping up with current damage prevention tools.

Jessica Burlett let the council know that the last day for Monster Jam tickets will be March 1st. If anyone would like to get together before hand and have dinner, please reach out to the officers or other council members.

Mitch Richard spoke about the ICWHY, LTD / CODPC golf outing. Mr. Richard spoke about the reasoning behind starting his own non-profit and how he would like to provide 100% of the earnings to the youth in need. Mr. Richard will be looking for volunteers to help with the golf outing. Please email Mr. Richard at MitchellRichard@usiclcl.com to sign up as a volunteer. Mr. Richard is also looking for sponsors to donate swag giveaway for door prizes. Below is a direct link to the ICWHY foundation website.

<https://www.icwhy.org/>

Frank Riegler presented the council with some excavator seminar dates.

Seminars

3/12. Ashland

3/13. Carrollton

3/14. Chillicothe

3/15. Cincinnati

See the OHIO811 website for more information and registration.

Mr. Riegler also asked for input regarding the OHIO811 website. Please scan QR Code below to fill out a quick survey.



Liz Pyles went over industry news and future dates for the OUDPC meeting as well as CGA and GESC dates.

- **Common Ground Alliance, April 14-18, 2024 Colorado Springs, CO**
- **Global Excavation Safety Conference, March 19-21, 2024 New Orleans, LA**

Jacque Kelly mentioned she is seeing an alarming number of open trenches around the City of Columbus. Mrs. Kelley is highly concerned with the potential hazard the open trenches present to the public and contractors working in the area.

Liz made motion to adjourn at 10:38 am. Joe Costell seconded the motion.

