



NODPC Meeting

Wednesday, May 01st, 2024

09:30am to 11:00am

6363 Selig Blvd, Independence, Ohio, 44131

1.) Introductions

- There were twenty-eight individuals in attendance.

2.) Meeting Minutes Approved

- March's meeting minutes were approved at 0937. There were no revisions.

3.) Presentation: Mark Phelps with ActionCOACH – Leadership

- In most organizations, leaders tell followers what to do. This limits the organizations success.
- ActionCOACH takes the Leader-Leader approach
- By nurturing leaders at all levels, you can unlock the energy and potential of the entire organization.
- David Marquet used this approach to transform the USS Santa Fe from the worst performing submarine in its fleet to the best.
- Leader-Leader calls for formal leaders who are willing to delegate power, offer a collaborative culture (employees support each other), and give employee's the ability to influence through persuasion.
- The Six Keys to a Winning Team
 - Strong Leadership (having passion and responsibility)
 - Common Goal (enroll and inspire)
 - Rules of the Game
 - Action Plan (who does what by when)
 - Support Risk Taking (must be able to understand when breaks occur)
 - 100% Involvement/Inclusion (creates synergy)
- "Leadership is a choice, not a position" – Stephen R Covey

4.) Review April National Safe Digging Month Project

- We completed a beautification project near the community sign at the intersection of Selig Boulevard and Brecksville Road.

5.) CGA Regional Partner Review

- The CGA was in Colorado Springs this year (Scott Templeton attended as the council's representative).
- The CGA is pushing the 50 in 5 goal (reduce damages by 50% in five years). We're in year two of that and damages have gone up.
- The major root causes are no notifications made, locator error/not on time, and failure to maintain clearance.
- Improvements can be made by utilizing the positive response system, but locators must use the appropriate code and not abuse codes that aren't applicable (such as 004 in Ohio).
- Some states are looking into mandatory 811 training to excavate and/or locate.
- The Damage Prevention Institute report for 2023 - Ohio had 5,024 reported damages.

6.) OHIO811 Updates

- In April, there were 51,454 notifications made to the center.
- There have been 148,769 notifications made to the center year to date for 2024.

7.) Open Discussion

- We discussed that damage prevention is about being collaborative effort between excavators, locators, and utilities. It was also discussed that there is not currently a way for excavators to account for downtime caused by damages (not at fault).
- We reviewed that one of the most important aspects of damage prevention is communication and that that communication must be efficient and clear.
- Everyone is encouraged to participate in the OUDPC to address concerns on these issues.
- Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 5th at the City of Independence Civic Center