

Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council

Agenda

May 20, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m. by Liz Pyles

Mission Statement: The Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council was created to promote safety by bringing together underground facility operators, governmental agencies, excavators, industry associations, and service providers to address issues related to the goal of reducing damages to underground facilities, to provide cooperation and coordination of construction activities, and to improve communications, involvement, and commitment to these goals. – Read by Brad Hegwood

Emergency Action Plan – Frank Riegler

Introductions – Josh Kleemyer

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| 1. Baxter, Kevin | 9. Kleemeyer, Josh | 17. Pyles, Liz |
| 2. Carpenter, Kelly | 10. Marcum, Lacey | 18. Riegler, Frank |
| 3. Chapman, Ashton | 11. McCain, Alex | 19. Ryan, Adam |
| 4. Cranmer, Collins | 12. McIntyre, Bill | 20. Ryan, Steve |
| 5. Fox, Doug | 13. Morris, Eric | 21. Tom, Mike |
| 6. Hegwood, Bradley | 14. Motzer, Josh | 22. Tonetti, Alan |
| 7. Hunt, Aaron | 15. Parker, Dan | 23. Wade, Lori |
| 8. Kelley, Jacqueline | 16. Peyton, Kyle | |

Liz Pyles made a motion for the approval of March Meeting Minutes, Alex McCain seconded. Minutes were approved.

Guest Speakers: Josh Kleemyer and Liz Pyles CGA Conference Recap

Josh and Liz provided a recap of the Common Ground Alliance (CGA) Conference, highlighting key sessions and takeaways. They attended the Regional Partners meeting, where Chuck Green and Jason Broyles showcased the success and collaboration of the Ohio Damage Prevention Councils. Additional presentations focused on the growing role of artificial intelligence in the 811 industry, the importance of accurate utility mapping and data management, and the value of strong professional relationships, emphasized by end of the conference speaker Ross Bernstein.

DPC Committees

- Newsletter
- By-Laws

Old Business

April Safe Dig Month – April 22, 2026

It was reviewed this was a success once again and thank you to all involved. We are looking forward to next year's event and seeing what changes people can bring to make it unique.

Topics for 2026

Should you have any ideas please bring to the officers.

HB 227

June 9, 2026 coming fast, be sure you are aware of the law changes.

New Business

8/11 Day – jobsite visiting! Need suggestions of places to visit

Frank Riegler highlighted the success of last year's jobsite visits, and the group discussed expanding the effort this year by visiting additional jobsites to express appreciation for excavators who call OHIO811 before digging and to continue promoting safe excavation practices.

June 12 Northwest Golf Outing

Anyone interested in participating in the Northwest DPC Golf Outing is encouraged to attend this great networking event and support the damage prevention community.

Industry News

1. Ohio Utilities Protection Service Updates
 - a. April had 3 highest ticket intake days.
 - b. If you are having problems with the switch to CenterLogix please contact Frank
2. OUDPC/Coalition
 - a. Alex McCain reviewed the subcommittee related to misuse of the system and the direction they are going
 - b. Should anyone be interested in joining please contact Jason Broyles
3. UTC/PUCO June 4, online only
 - a.

Discussion:

- Damages & locate issues

Cristina Parady brought to the group the need for feedback to the City regarding locating of utilities and utilities that have been relocated but not in the plan sets.

Kyle Mangione introduced two new representatives from Columbia Gas who have joined the company's Damage Prevention team.

Kyle Peyton introduced himself as the Chair of the Eastern Ohio Damage Prevention Council and shared that, in his new role with Blood Hound, he is visiting other councils to strengthen relationships and collaboration.

Aaron Hunt discussed the potential dangers of lithium-ion batteries, sharing that a battery stored in his home for more than two years unexpectedly caught fire and ignited his garage. He encouraged everyone to review how batteries are stored and to ensure they have appropriate fire extinguishers available.

Liz Pyles made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Next Meeting: **June 17, 2026**
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Meeting Locations 2026

- January 21, 2026 – GPD Group
- February 18, 2026 - BX
- March 18, 2026 – EMH&T
- April – Safe Dig Event Franklin County Fairgrounds
- May 20, 2026 - BX
- June 17, 2026 - BX
- July 15, 2026 - BX
- August 19, 2026 - BX
- September 16, 2026 - BX
- October 21, 2026 – EMH&T
- November 18, 2026 - BX
- December 16, 2026 – TBD