

# NW Ohio DPC January Meeting Minutes, 2019

Meeting held Lucas County Sanitary Sewer Engineer's office at 1111 S. McCord Rd. Holland Ohio.

Meeting started at 11:05 AM and called to order by James M. Finucan III

- No December minutes to approve due to the Holiday Breakfast, did discuss turnout of that event.

Jack Bennett Shared a video with the group entitled, "Light It Up". This was a video on the dangers of trenchless technology, showing real world experiences that have happened.

Update: Sub Committee focuses for 2019:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> party accountability
- Exemptions, IE: municipalities, governmental and farmers
- Size and scope of tickets/large project

Sub committees were asked to have documentation ready by March of 2019

Upcoming topics of discussion:

- Abandoned facilities, looking to push removal requirements as early as 2020
- Life of a locate request, how long will it be valid for
- 48 hr waiting period, could move to a true 48 hr wait, not based off of time ticket called in.
- Defining what excavator training requirements will become

If anyone wants to attend a committee meeting, please ask Jack to be put on the email list for the next meeting, at this time it's TBT.

Ohio811 will not be participating in the Paradigm meetings in 2019.

Excavator seminars are coming up, two will be held in Feb, two in March and two in April. Please check the OUPS web site for more information. Nearest meeting will be held on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> in Sandusky Ohio, Van Wert Ohio will be held on Feb 27<sup>th</sup>.

CGA meeting coming up in March, in Tampa Florida, Jennifer Reims will be our council's rep this year.

Marking Standard meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> in Belleville Ohio, Tom Henley, Matt Lewandowski and Eric LaPan (alternate) will represent the council. Topics we are bringing up:

- White lining, getting a better definition and possibly add and extension of coverage
- Re-draw diagram on tolerance zone around pipe facilities, this is to better show larger facilities coverage zone.

Little History: The Ohio marking standards originated out of the NW Ohio DPC.

Projects:

- I-75 ODot project, North and South of the Maumee River starting up, North section first.
- Millard Ave, Front and Tiffin St roundabouts starting up soon.

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### Open discussion:

- Dylon Theabold and Sean Travis requested that contractors try to limit the amount of tickets they call in at a time to only what they need at that given time. Also breaking up the tickets into smaller sections helps them and the contractor manage the work load better. This also means that when there are more tickets called in for a project that, there could potentially be more locators available to help mark the request.
- Discussed guidelines on when a ticket is officially expired, this happens when markings are no longer visible, at that time a new ticket is needed, days past has no bearing on this.
- Utility owners have the ability to file a PUCO complaint if they deem that a contractor has been excessively calling in a locate request with no work being performed.
- **Door Prizes will start being given out at the Feb 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, must be in attendance to win.**
- Reminder March meeting will be held at 5:00 PM, watch your emails for a flyer with info.

Meeting adjourned by Mike Shehan., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean Travis.