



Northern Ohio Damage Prevention Council

MISSION STATEMENT: *Northern Ohio Damage Prevention Council is a proactive network of stakeholders involved in all phases of activities requiring excavation. Through open communication, education, and cooperation, council members work together to maintain service integrity to customers, protect the underground infrastructure and environment, and encourage the development of excavation activities that proceed in a safe and efficient manner.*

Minutes for April 3, 2019

The Illuminating Company
6896 Miller Rd
Brecksville, OH 44141

Presenter: Michael Carlton, GPD Group

Topic: Capabilities and Limitations of Locating Equipment

Meeting opened at 9:31 by Vita Moore. Introduced this month's speaker, Michael Carlton from the GPD Group.

Michael Carlton began by introducing himself & the topic is from a locator's perspective.

- 14 years' experience in locating underground lines, both public and private (has seen a lot)
- Why care about locating equipment? Because it helps you communicate with locators.
- He discussed many types of equipment/technology:
 - Electromagnetic locating: helps you locate/trace conductive lines
 - Ground penetrating radar: ability to detect metallic and non-metallic infrastructure; there is a lot of interpretation needed.
 - Concrete scanner: can find rebar patterns, conduits, even live electric lines; penetrates surface 20" to 30"; interpretation is needed
 - Metal detectors
 - Integrity assessment camera
 - Traceable rodder
 - Acoustic pipe locators: uses vibrations
 - Copper rods
 - Metallic locating: can pick up corroded lines & detectable tape that cannot carry a conductive signal
 - Soft digging/vacuum excavation: uses water or air to safely excavate; can confirm the exact location; the soil condition is a limitation
- Kevin Anderson asked: "What is the speed limit of the ground penetrating radar?"
- Mike: Walking pace. There is a bit of a delay on the screen
- Kevin: Is there a better resolution the slower you go?
- Mike: I think so.

Introduction of members

February 6, 2019 minutes & March 6, 2019 were reviewed & a motion to approve/accept was presented by Curt Malone.

OHIO811 Updates and Announcements (Vita Moore)

- 113,266 tickets went out in March

- Up 8.21% from last year
- 792,862 notices went out in March
- 279,358 tickets year to date
- Over 9 million notices have gone out year to date
- 7.7% increase in volume
- Received a proclamation from the governor
- Annual Member's Meeting: August 7, 8 & 9 in Columbus

Marking Standards

- Johnny Henson stated there is no recent activity
- Vita Moore brought up abandoned lines
 - Ownership reverts to the landowner and they don't even know they are there
 - Nationwide problem
 - Proposal: utility needs to submit archive records because now they are just being lost
 - Curt: Public right away is a totally different issue
 - Roger: We understand. Every state is dealing with this. Gas companies have starting leasing their old lines to the cable companies
 - Locator is governed by the contract with the utility
 - Needs to be solved at the National level

NODPC Logo

- Vote was taken on two logos. First logo won the vote.
- City of Cleveland skyline needs to replace Akron.
- Get final logo to Lee Richards to print.

Golf Outing

- Todd Leslie explained golf outing will be held June 7, 2019.
- There are two challenges added to the course.
- Kimberly will send out flyer.

811 Video Challenge Winner videos were played for the council.

Open Forum

- Vita discussed this year's CGA conference
 - New Best Practices Manual came out
 - Attended meeting titled "Geo-Fencing: Is this creepy?" in which companies set up fencing at Lowes and all patrons (including kids) get a message about 811 on their cell phones
 - Also, attended a meeting about being safe for the right reasons. Use a hand gesture to remind others to be safe.
 - Roger: The CGA was better organized this year. They had more understanding about technology. In regard to the geo-fencing, it only happens when patrons within a certain radius open up their web browser.
- Roger: The Ohio Underground Damage Prevention Coalition has 3 subcommittees. Hoping to introduce in legislature in Spring 2020.
 - Ask Alice to add you to the distribution list if interested.
 - Governmental exemption: Government entity working within its own right away less than 12" doesn't need to call in a ticket. If this passes, we are eligible for grants up to \$150,000.
 - 4-8-hour time frame: too short? 2 business days? Discussions being held.
 - PUCO: in order to fund the enforcement process, they are going to be charging a registration fee. It will start later this year. Don't know how much it will be.

Minutes Approved: _____
Kimberly Madden, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting May 1, 2019

Presenter: Jim Chaney, Executive Director of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Marathon

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Email: kmadden@firstenergycorp.com to confirm your attendance. Thank you.

Utilities Council of Northern Ohio - Scheduled Meetings Dates for 2019

January 2, 2019	No Meeting due to holiday	*
February 6, 2019	Rick Switalski, City of Cleveland	The Illuminating Company
March 6, 2019	Joint DPC meeting	*Dominion East Ohio's New Training Facility
April 3, 2019	Michael Carlton, GPD Group	The Illuminating Company
May 1, 2019	Jim Chaney, 811 Race	The Illuminating Company
June 7, 2019	Annual Golf Outing	*Briarwood Golf Club
July, 2019	No meeting due to holiday	*
August 7, 2019	Fire Department	The Illuminating Company
September 4, 2019	Homeland Security	The Illuminating Company
October 2, 2019	Bill Hocevar, UTC Update	*Great Lakes Construction
November 6, 2019	Les Hendershot, Safetyman	The Illuminating Company
December 6, 2019	Annual Breakfast	*

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