



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 October 2, 2019

Great Lakes Construction
2608 Great Lakes Way
Hinckley, OH 44233

Presenter: Bill Hocevar

Topic: UTC Updates

Meeting opened at 9:36 by Bruce Jones. Introduced this month's speaker, Bill Hocevar of Great Lakes Construction.

Bill Hocevar began by introducing himself. He is the Safety Director and also sits on the Underground Technical Committee (UTC).

- Comprised of 17 people who are selected by the Governor or other government officials.
- Bill is serving on the committee for four years.
- Let someone know if you would like to be appointed.
- They meet every three months or as necessary.
- Last year, they heard 50 different cases.
 - 10 were thrown out
 - 40 companies were penalized.Typically discipline with a Performance Improvement Plan—company has to hold
- Part of CEA is the Construction Safety Council of Northeast Ohio
 - Primary focus is construction
 - William Seeley: We attended one of these meetings and it was very well represented. There were 120 people there.
 - They host a Safety Day (8th Season) for foremen, supervisors and management
- Support contractors with accident investigations, fatalities, OSHA violations.
- Visit their website at www.ceacisp.org
- He provided the group with Construction Safety and Health Resource Guide
- There are four requirements at a job site from OSHA:
 - Safety Program/Plan
 - Training (on hazards)
 - Frequent and regular inspections (not defined)
 - Discipline
- The burden of proof is on the government
 - There has to be a hazard or potential hazard that employees are exposed to
 - Employer has to know about the hazard/potential hazard
 - OSHA code has to exist
- William: Do you have to be a member to attend classes?
- Kent: No, but you get a deal.
- Question: Is there a definition of an OSHA compliant person?
- Answer: Definition is in the booklet I passed out. Competent Person. Page vii.
- What are the Focused Four?
 - Falls

- Struck by
- Caught in between
- Electrocutation
- OSHA is focusing on trenching.
 - Make sure you have a competent person
 - Inspecting daily
- There is a free app called Excavations 101, which is an excellent resource

Introduction of members

August 7, 2019 minutes were reviewed & a motion to approve/accept was presented by Justin Freudeman.

OHIO811 Updates and Announcements (Chuck Green)

- 136,052 tickets in August, down 1.42%
- 952,364 notices went out
- Up around 3% for the year
- Annual membership meeting went well
- November 5 is the Big Brothers/Sisters Clay Sporting Event, currently trying to get online registration set up
- November 1 will be the NODPC Clay Sporting Event, still working out the costs, etc.
- Excavator Seminars Coming Up:
 - 10/23, 10/24, 10/25 (breakfast meeting) in Logan, Bluffton
 - 11/6 in Waldo, OH
 - 11/7 in Wooster
 - 11/8 is a breakfast meeting in Elyria
 - Available on OUPS.org website
- December 6 will be our annual breakfast meeting at Sleepy Hollow
- OHIO811 Safety Trailer will be debuting in Columbus: plan on taking it to events, equipped with gas meters, water meters, a plexiglass floor, it is an interactive trailer

Marking Standards

- Johnny was not at meeting. Looking to change legislation but don't know much.

2020 Speakers

- Still planning on having a combined meeting with the EODPC
- Mike Ressler is a back-up
- Pot-holing would be a good topic
- Chuck will reach out to Badger Daylighting since they haven't been attending recently
- Speaker Forms were made available to group

Open Forum

- Rick: Micro-trenching and fiber-optics is a new technology. We are meeting with them next week. This may be an interesting topic.
- Question: When can flags be removed?
- Answer: 10 days if no work has begun. It is our job to educate the public.
- Question: The City of Crestline is not a member.
- Answer (Chuck): Shoot me an email, you can file a complaint.
- New excavator manuals are not available yet

Attendance Drawing

- Frank Urbancic was selected. Not present. Next month will be \$75.

Minutes Approved: _____
 Kimberly Madden, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting October 2, 2019
Presenter: Bill Hocevar, Great Lakes Construction

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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	Kent Crytzer, Construction Employers Association	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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