

CENTRAL OHIO DAMAGE PREVENTION COUNCIL

FEBRUARY MINUTES 19th, 2020

Builders Exchange of Central Ohio
1175 Dublin Rd.
Columbus, OH 43215

The February meeting of the Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council was held on February 19th 2020. The meeting began with Council Vice President Colin Cranmer going over an Emergency action Plan. He also elected Greg First to administer the AED and provide first aid if necessary.

Prior meeting minutes were accepted and the Mission Statement was read by Dan Parker with the Franklin County Engineer's Office.

The meeting progressed onto discuss a "Safety Moment" presented by Lori Wade with Columbia Gas. She provided a presentation on electricity and potential electrical fire hazards. Greg First volunteered to give the next month's Safety Moment.

The Safe Dig Event was the next topic for discussion. Council President Steve Buskirk informed the council that we would be working with the Ohio Avenue School and would have the training trailer available for use however the proposed date of April 15th will not work with the schools schedule due to spring break. Lori suggested moving it to the 22nd and have it coincide with Earth Day. Steve will be checking dates for Digger Dog and Kevin Shimming will looking into the Sammie Shovel program. Greg First with Connie Construction is checking to possibly bring in a Mini Excavator to use onsite. The trailer will also be available for use for the 811 day event. Lori mentioned that she would talk to Columbia Gas about possibly partnering to sponsor the event. Danbert would also like to get involved with the event.

The meeting moved onto a round table discussion on Design Tickets presented by Jim Jewell with the Franklin County Engineers Office. Jim explained when Franklin County Engineers office uses design tickets and asked the group if Utility owners mark for design tickets or if they provide screen shots with information on where the utilities are located. Lori explained that Columbia Gas will not mark utilities on a design ticket unless the ticket specifically asks for actual markings or if the utility line is larger than 3" or a main line. Council treasurer George Gillespie feels that utility owners are dropping the ball with responding to design tickets. He feels there is a lack of understanding on what is required of them. The group continued to discuss how each of their companies are handling design tickets and issues they are coming across. Steve suggested contacting utility owners and request to meet on sight so they know exactly what they are looking for.

The open discussion wrapped up around 10:15 am. The next CODPC meeting will be scheduled for March 18th 2020.