

The monthly Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council was held April 15, 2020 via Zoom virtual meeting app. Lori Wade from Columbia Gas read the mission statement, and introductions were made.

Steve Buskirk provided an update on the new Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council logo, and the council voted to proceed with the new logo.

Unfortunately with the COVID-19 pandemic, a number of events have been canceled including the April Safe Dig event. The council will take this year's scheduled event and move to next year's safe dig event.

The Clippers game scheduled in August is still pending whether or not it will be canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic. The council will review the status next meeting in May.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, liaisons from Ohio 811 have been ordered to work from home, and the dig ticket volume is down, but still higher than March numbers.

The council moved to review project status during the COVID-19 pandemic. George J. Igel & Co., Inc., and Danbert mentioned that projects are still in full swing, and have been deemed essential, under Ohio's definition. AEP also mentioned that their ticket volume is up.

Job meetings have moved from in person meeting to virtual format to minimize exposure to COVID-19.

Job inspectors are still available for utility installation, but are instructed to minimize exposure using face shields, and employee contact less than 6 feet.

The council reviewed the latest 811 Video regarding an appreciation to "Essential Workers."

Next Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council Meeting will be held at 9:00 am on May 20, 2020 using a virtual meeting app.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am