

## CENTRAL OHIO DAMAGE PREVENTION COUNCIL

MINUTES September 16<sup>th</sup> 2020

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

The September meeting of the Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council was held on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00 AM. The meeting was held in person and also virtually. Introductions were made around the room and the mission statement was read by Libby Tucker with Builders Exchange.

Greg Hughes, Safety Officer with the Franklin County Engineer's Office shared a safety moment with the council on Trench Safety and OSHA Standards. He discussed the importance of complying with the standards and what they are doing at the engineer's office.

Council President Steve Buskirk went over the Ohio811 webpage and showed the council how to navigate to the Ohio DPC page to find additional information and contact information for each council.

The council meeting moved onto a presentation by guest speaker Ed Herrick, Bridge Design Engineer with the Franklin County Engineer's Office. The Presentation focused on bridge inspections and the rating system used to determine if a bridge requires repair.

The meeting continued onto discuss New Business and Industry News.

New Business - The OHIO811 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Brother big Sister Sporting Clay Event will be held Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Cardinal Shooting Center 616 S.R.61 Marengo OH 43334. Registration begins at 8:30 AM and the shooting will start at 10:00 AM.

Future meetings will continue to be held at the Builders Exchange as well as virtually. Members who wish to attend in person meetings are asked to RSVP with Steve Buskirk prior to the meeting in order to space out the room accordingly. The hybrid meetings appear to be going well with over 30 members attending the past few meetings.

Industry News - George Gillespie provided the council with Ohio Utility Protection Service Updates. There are over a million tickets that have been called in so far this year. With 430k being CSR's, 413k I-Dig tickets and 68k E-dig tickets and 52% of these are being received remotely. Despite the pandemic, ticket volumes are on the rise and are continuing to break records.

The CGA will be held March 2-5<sup>th</sup> 2021, in Orlando Florida.

CGA Best Practice Books are now available, members were told to see George Gillespie if they would like to receive a copy.

In person Excavator Seminars are being offered, dates and registration for these events can be found on the Ohio811 webpage. There will be a Virtual Seminar being offered as well in November.

As the meeting came to a close, Steve stated that he would like members to share upcoming projects with the group during future meetings. He also informed the council that the Paul Peterson will be the next guest speaker for the October meeting.

The meeting came to a close at 10:00 AM.