

Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council Minutes

December 2020

The December meeting of the Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council took place virtually on December, 16 2020. Steve Buskirk read the mission statement.

The review of the November meeting minutes took place and minutes were approved by a motion from Steve Buskirk and second by Matt Schreyer.

Attendance was taken.

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| 1. Steve Buskirk | 12. Mark Manzo | 23. Rosie Leuby |
| 2. George Gillespie | 13. Matt Schreyer | 24. Josh Kleemeyer |
| 3. Liz Pyles | 14. Jason Broyles | 25. Russ Bowerman |
| 4. Joel Johnson | 15. Jeff Kursmann | 26. Collins Cranmer |
| 5. Lori Wade | 16. Greg First | 27. Doug Fox |
| 6. Hal Richard | 17. Mark Reinhart | 28. Andrea Davis |
| 7. Jacque Kelly | 18. Kevin Schimming | 29. David Holstein |
| 8. Joe Igel | 19. Travis Bullock | |
| 9. Al Tonetti | 20. Dave Canup | |
| 10. Cristina Parady | 21. Jessica Burlett | |
| 11. Eric Hartzler | 22. Kevin Baxter | |

Safety Moment:

George Gillespie recounted a safety moment regarding burnout & “fatigue.” As we approach winter we should continue to follow coronavirus safety measures. Tip for safety glasses fogging: Johnson’s Baby Shampoo rubbed on the lens.

Cristina Parady suggested that a band-aid applied on top of the mask over the nose area is helpful in the prevention of safety glasses fogging.

Guest Speaker:

Joe Igel presented on the yearly review of the Underground Technical Committee in 2020. The next meeting for the UTC is 10 a.m. on March 18, 2021.

Joe Igel updated the group that the Ohio Underground Damage Prevention Coalition has been postponed for the time being.

Damages and Locates Discussion:

Lori Wade reminded contractors with the weather coming in to perform their due diligence of preserving the marks and remind locators to use flags when possible.

Jacque Kelly asked a question about the tel-com world and how to determine the owner of an unclaimed utility. Steve Buskirk stated that a continual list that is ever changing that he will send out with December’s meeting minutes.

Cristina Parady stated that they maintain a single point contact list from the right of way permits they issue. This is listed on the website as well as will be shared with the council through email.

Dave Holstein, utility coordinator with the city stated that he also has a list of contacts and reaches out every six months to keep updated.

Jacque Kelley asked a question about a ticket being called in, is there a way to see utilities in an area. Steve Buskirk and George Gillespie helped explain the exact location isn’t tracked for a utility but quadrants for utilities is

tracked. Steve Buskirk explained that iDig can show utilities in the area once a map is marked and the button “get members” is selected.

Cristina Parady asked about un-identified utilities on a ticket. Best Practice: Call back to Ohio811 explaining that an underground facility has been found that is unmarked. The ticket would go back out to the utilities marked for the ticket area. One could try and track the utility to to any box or indicator along it's path.

Doug Fox asked a question if the locators are required to mark with flags during the winter season. Steve Buskirk explained that flags can be requested when the ticket is called in. Lori Wade stated that all locates for Columbia Gas should be marked with paint and flags all year long and to contact her should you have any issues.

Marking Standards:

The council is providing the names of Lori Wade, Liz Pyles, Joel Johnson, and Greg First to the Ohio Damage Prevention Council (ODPC) to sit on the Marking Standards Committee. The ODPC is looking to have a diverse group of industry representatives on the committee. The council is providing four to allow the ODPC to narrow depending on what type of representative they need for the diversity.

Officer Elections:

Nominations for President – Steve Buskirk asked three times if there were any nominations from the floor for the position of President. There were no nominations, Steve Buskirk accepts and will continue to be the President.

Nominations for Vice President – Collins Cranmer was nominated for the position of Vice President. Steve Buskirk asked three times if there were any nominations from the floor for the position of Vice President. There were no nominations, Collins Cranmer accepts and will continue to be the Vice President.

The council appreciates her time served as Secretary for the Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council.

Nominations for Secretary – Liz Pyles was nominated for the position of Secretary. Steve Buskirk asked three times if there were any nominations from the floor for the position of Secretary. There were no nominations, Liz Pyles accepts and will continue to be the Secretary.

Industry News:

George Gillespie covered:

- The Damage Prevention Councils are continuing to meet through virtual meetings similar to CODPC. The news regarding other councils can be found on theOhio811 website.
- OUPS updates, January 1, 2021 there will be a revision of the positive response codes. They will be distributed to all at that time.
- CGA has moved to October 2021 and Global Excavation Safety Conference will occur in March as a virtual conference.
- Paradigm meetings are coming out in January and February. Anyone can register at paradigm.com

Cristina Parady mentioned that the list of Quarter 1, 2021 projects is posted. It will be provided to the council along with the Franklin County Engineer's list of projects.

Holiday Celebration occurred. The meeting ended at 10:23 a.m. with warmest wishes to all members for the holiday season.