

Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council Minutes

January 2021

The January meeting of the Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council took place virtually on January 20, 2021. Steve Buskirk read the mission statement.

Emergency Action Plan was reviewed by Liz Pyles.

The review of the December meeting minutes took place with a spelling correction edit. A motion was made by Elizabeth Pyles for approval of the minutes and second was made by Matt Schreyer. Vote was taken, all approved.

Attendance was taken.

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| 1. Steve Buskirk | 9. Hal Richard | 17. Jacque Kelley |
| 2. George Gillespie | 10. Kevin Baxter | 18. Tanner Zarbaugh |
| 3. Liz Pyles | 11. Jess Burlett | 19. Kevin Schimming |
| 4. Greg First | 12. CJ Kowalke | 20. Scott Lancia |
| 5. Al Tonetti | 13. Lori Wade | |
| 6. Josh Kleemeyer | 14. Nicole Strayer | |
| 7. Andrea Davis | 15. Debbie Harris | |
| 8. Matt Shreyer | 16. Russ Bowerman | |

Safety Moment:

George Gillespie reviewed the CDC Recommendations for Regular Employee Updates on COVID-19 Protocols.

Guest Speaker:

No guest speaker. A Youtube Video was watched covering Cold Weather Safety.

Damages and Locates Discussion:

No discussion was held.

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.

April Safe Dig Month:

The likelihood of an in-person event is very low due to COVID-19 restrictions. The thought would be to provide an "informational bag" about Ohio811 to children at a Columbus local school with 370 students. We would provide a drawstring bag with Ohio811 on the outside of the bag with coloring pages with Sammy the Shovel, sunglasses, and other sorts. Liz Pyles will be creating an "ask pamphlet" that can be sent to all members for SWAG.

Jacque Kelley asked about the logistics. Steve Buskirk offered the Franklin County Engineers Office as the collection location. The assembling of bags would be one day with a limited volunteer group.

Lori Wade, Jess Burlett, Tanner Zarbaugh, Liz Pyles, and Kevin Schimming volunteered to be apart of the assembling of bags.

August 11, 2021 Event:

It is unknown what COVID-19 restrictions will be in place, however the goal would be to host an awareness event at the Columbus Clippers game.

Lori Wade asked about the possibility of a sign board during the week of 8/11/2021 to raise awareness. Steve Buskirk stated he would look in to possibility of a message board set up by Paul Peterson Company. Lori brought up the idea about a sign on the smoke stack at the new Columbus Crew stadium, Liz Pyles will look in to the possibility. Jacque Kelley offered to look in to the possibility with sign boards through the city.

The council asks all members to think about high traffic areas for messaging to be put up.

i-Dig Remote Ticket Entry:

Ohio811 invites all to participate in a virtual introduction to the i-Dig Remote Ticket Entry program. The webinars are on January 22, 2021 and February 5, 2021.

Positive Response:

Positive Response codes are changing, primarily 004 and 005. Two seminars will be hosted providing more information on January 27, 2021 and February 17, 2021.

Guest Speakers:

We need help to find guest speakers. Al Tonetti has volunteered and will be an upcoming guest speaker. We are looking for any suggestions for speakers or topics for the year. Lori Wade suggested "Damage Investigations" as a topic.

News Letter:

The idea would be to create a quarterly newsletter regarding industry news. Lori Wade and Jacque Kelley volunteered to help.

Industry News:

George Gillespie covered:

- The Damage Prevention Councils are continuing to meet through virtual meetings similar to CODPC.
- OUPS updates:
 - Positive Response Virtual Seminars:
 - January 27, 2021 10 a.m.
 - February 17, 2021 1 p.m.
 - Beginning January 1, 2021, OHIO811 Customer Service Representatives (CSR's) will no longer be processing "Routine" or "Design" excavation notices (tickets) via phone between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. the following morning.
 - 2021 Virtual Excavator Seminars:
 - January 15, 2021 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 - January 29, 2021 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 - February 12, 2021 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 - February 26, 2021 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 - i-Dig training seminars:
 - January 22, 2021 9:00 a.m.
 - February 5, 2021 9:00 a.m.
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- CGA has moved to October 2021 and Global Excavation Safety Conference will occur in March as a virtual conference.
- 2021 Paradigm Virtual Excavator Prevention & Pipeline Safety Program
 - Every Tuesday and Thursday January – February 6:00 a.m.
 - Visit www.pdigm.com to register

The next meeting will be held virtually on February 17, 2021 at 9 a.m.

The meeting ended at 10:23 a.m. by Liz Pyles