

Michigan Damage Prevention Board  
March 23, 2017  
MITA Offices, Okemos, MI

**Call to Order**

The meeting began at 9:00AM. In attendance was Rob Coppersmith, MITA; John Crumb, Holland Board of Public Works; Laura Arnold, MISS DIG 811; Nick Lefke, MDOT; Jeff Quirante, MPSC; Ian Chapman, USIC; Robert Darket, URG; Chirs Jensen, MECA; Bruce Campbell, MISS DIG 811; Dave Chislea, MPSC; Jim Ault, MEGA; Steve Kraai, Semco Energy; Steve Makowski, Semco; Nathan Lee, MGU. Dirk Dunham, Consumers Energy was on the phone.

**Approval of Agenda**

**Approval of February Meeting Minutes**

On hold

**MPSC Damage Reporting and Complaints**

Two complaints were filed, one was a duplicate the second was not related to PA 174.

**Board Review Incidents**

None last month. Melissa Ramirez-Attinoto of MISS DIG 811 joined the meeting.

**MISS DIG 811 Update**

MISS DIG 811 is gearing up for the dig season; five trainees will be on the phones for this dig season. Beginning at the May meeting Laura Arnold will be the primary representative for MISS DIG 811; Melissa Ramirez will be secondary. MISS DIG 811 is in process of adding Near Ticket, Overhead, Excavator Positive Response.

**DPA Report**

At the January Meeting, Matt and Rachelle volunteered to determine what MITA's members are looking for out of DPAs. No feedback. Rob noted they are dying a natural death, but volunteered to poll members of MISS DIG would send over questions.

**MDPB Pest Practices**

Gray Paint. The best practice was reviewed. Jim Ault made a motion to approve the practice. Bruce Campbell supported.

**MDPB Annual meeting.**

Normal meeting with election of officers.

**Plans for April Safe Digging Month**

Public Awareness Committee meeting next week; Habitat for Humanity, Barton Mallow. MISS DIG Commercial and Billboard Campaigns starts this April.

**Updates**

**Next Meeting**

April 27, 2017

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9.25AM.