

Michigan Damage Prevention Board Minutes
April 24, 2017
MITA Headquarters

Call to Order Rob Coppersmith called the meeting to order at 9:00AM at the MITA Headquarters in Okemos, MI. In attendance was Rob Coppersmith, MITA; John Crumb, Holland Board of Public Works; Nathan Lee, MGU; Brian Thompson, MECA; Jim Ault, Michigan Electric and Gas Association; Jeff Quirante, MPSC; Matt McClintick, MITA; Dirk Dunham, Consumers Energy; Nick Lefke, MDOT; Mellissa Ramirez-Attinoto, MISS DIG 811; Laura Arnold, MISS DIG 811; Bruce Campbell, MISS DIG 811; Katie Gruzowski, MISS DIG 811.

Approval of Agenda Update date to April 27, 2017

Approval of February and March meeting Minutes Bruce made a motion to approve the February and March meeting minutes. Brian Thompson supported. Motion Passed.

Update of Director List Remove Bob Darket and Tim Walters from Mailing List. Brian XXX of DTE will be replacing Bethany Brooks on MDPB. Laura Arnold will be primary for MISS DIG 811 and Melissa Ramirez-Attinoto will be secondary.

Update on Overhead Assistance/ Overhead Clearance Waiting on date from NDP to implement.

MPSC Damage Reporting and Complaints One report contractor second offense. Possible fines. Still missing some 2016 reports.

Any "Board Review" Incidents or Issues? MISS DIG 811 has been reporting to MPSC municipalities that refuse to stake or positively respond. Some contractors are using retransmits to make a point. Dirk state that some of the excavators calling in tickets not getting to the job in 14 days and re-submitting tickets, especially for large jobs.

MISS DIG Updates Ticket Mod will be done at same time as overhead assistance. Charter contractor started a petition that MISS DIG should be able to produce requests based on mailing address in addition to physical address. This could be partially resolved with parcel data.

MISS DIG 811 changed verbiage on dig start date from asking when they want to start digging to telling the caller the earliest dig start date. At the end of the call we no longer just ask they hand dig but include please check positive response and hand dig and expose.

There is a probably lawsuit regarding appurtenances between Saginaw Township, Saginaw City and a Contractor.

Over 700 individuals were certified by MISS DIG 811 during the spring workshop. The Gold Shovel Committee will be meeting on May 23. The Gold Shovel Standard Employees have already made their way through the state. At the May 23 meeting the committee will be establishing a criteria for certification. The information will be available after the May Meeting.

DPA Report MISS DIG 811 education department sent out survey on open mics and face to face meetings. Also surveyed was topics of interest to contractors. Results will be shared.

MDPB Best Practices

- Working on a Saw Cut and Mill BP, now called shallow facilities Best Practice
- Impractical Site Conditions Best Practices is in the works. MITA has asked for it to be shared. Their attorney has very pointed opinion this Best Practice.

CGA Update Nothing to report

New Business/ Roundtable

- Any plans for MDPB Annual Meeting? Year in review, election of officers, Jeff to provide damage data.
- April Safe digging month events to launch tree tag campaign.
- Rob will ask lance to give asset management update.

Updates

Next Meeting Date May 25, 2017

Adjourn Dirk Dunham made a motion to adjourn at 9:38 AM. Laura Arnold supported.