

Michigan Damage Prevention Board
Minutes
May 24, 2018
MITA Offices, Okemos, MI

Call to Order Laura Arnold called the meeting to order at 9:50AM

Approval of the Agenda Chris Jensen made a motion to approve the agenda. Bruce Campbell supported. Motion passed.

Approval of the April Minutes (attached) Ian Chapman was at the meeting, and needs to be added to list of attendees. Bruce Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes as adjusted. Dirk Dunham supported. Motion passed.

Vote for Officers Bruce Campbell made a motion to renew the terms of those in the officers role. Dirk Dunham supported. Motion passed. Bruce Noted MISS DIG filed MDPB taxes and Rob noted MITA filed the name with the state.

Update of List of Voting Members No changes.

MPSC Damage Reporting and Complaints Dave Chislea presented the Damage Report including statistics, complaints, and what to expect this year:

- 4,272, excavation damages to gas pipelines reported in 2016.
- Michigan has a higher number of damage per 1,000 than the national average. Scot noted while damage may be up, for DTE their damages from no call are down 30%.
- MPSC is getting damage information sooner, when it is determined there was no ticket placed, it is immediate enforcement. Letter and fine.
- Distribution leaks (excavation Leaks/100 miles of distribution) caused by excavation show Michigan favorable to the national average.
- Damage prevention complaint form available at Michigan.gov/mpsc
- 108 complaints filed since PA174 became effective in April 1, 2014.
 - 23 complaints filed in 2017
 - 9 complaints filed in 2018. One cable company was fined for not locating on invisible fence installs.

Samantha Williams asked if there was a way to communicate through the MISS DIG 811 system. Yes, contractors can do it through RTE, for Facility Owner/Operators through Positive Response or API. Laura Arnold will send guides to Samantha Williams.

- Dirk Dunham asked that Katie Campbell send him a ticket number that has attachments.
- 22 noncompliance letters were sent in 2017 with civil fines.
- Damages prevention cases are being tracked for multiple offenses and fines.

- Bruce Campbell asked if MPSC is considering Michigan VPD for data. Discussion on what MPSC can see; data grants vs administrator.
- Katie Campbell displayed a ticket with an attachment for the group. MISS DIG 811 will look into adding a column for ticket search for Attachments.
- Bruce Campbell showed normalizing factors for damages per 1,000 the CGA is working on. Laura Arnold will send the data out to the group. Number one influencer is scope of ticket. Bruce Campbell discussed the reasoning for the variances from state to state.

MISS DIG 811 Update

- Input from Membership (MDPB is one source of input from the membership)
- Damage Prevention Safe Digging Month
- Design Response Change will be effective June 1, 2018. Response Time will change from 21 days to 10 business days.
- Detroit Pilot. The committee is meeting currently and WorksAccess will have a soft launch with committee members the first part of June. Then will spread to others in the City of Detroit.
- Bruce Campbell reported that MISS DIG 811 is on pace to have a record month. One call one ticket had some complaints early on but callers are moving to RTE and eLocate, and when we added the maps eLocate users are training on RTE.
- Today will be the first locator Action Committee. The committee was established to help deal with some of the issues that locators are dealing with, looking at scope of work.

MDPB Best Practices

- Shallow Facilities - Dirk Dunham is providing a summary of all questions to the group. Dirk noted questions listed in April minutes were complete.
- Abandon Facilities- The Committee to look at current Best Practices to see how it integrates in the Abandon Facility code now offered by MISS DIG 811 and suggest language for the Positive Response.
- Next committee meeting June 4, 2018.

New Business Roundtable

- Rob Coppersmith announced MISS DIG 811 Annual meeting and MITA are joining forces for 2019,
- Rob Coppersmith questioned if the group would be interested in meeting quarterly vs monthly. It would allow more time for things to get done between meetings. TIME, LAC and Best Practices would still meet monthly, with a quarterly in person meeting. Four Quarterly Meetings May 24, September 20, December 13
 - 2019 February 21, May 23.
- Rob Coppersmith also reported that there is a major labor issue for labors union. There is a possible strike.

- Dave Chislea stated there may be a benefit for a best practice for marking on wet pavement.

Adjourn Rob Coppersmith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:11AM. Chris Jensen supported. Motion passed.