



“Miss Utility” of Delmarva

UTILITIES SERVICE PROTECTION
CENTER OF DELMARVA, INC



Minutes of the February 16, 2017 Membership Meeting

1. Call to Order and Introductions

- President Brad Ebaugh opened the regular membership meeting at Choptank Electric, 24820 Meeting House Rd., Denton MD 21629.
- Mission Statement: Our mission is to assist excavators, facility owners, and the public in the prevention of underground damages, service outages, personal injury, and their associated repercussions, through education and the promotion of the One Call System.
- 43 members were present.
- Those present gave the customary introductions.
- Mark Gemmill made a motion to approve minutes as amended, Wendy Stack seconded, unanimously approved by the members.

2. Presentation- Jeff Brown- Choptank Electric- Hazards of Downed Power Lines

- Mr. Brown showed a YouTube video on the Choptank search channel regarding the hazards of downed power lines. Always consider all lines energized. Be careful of back feed from home generators and solar panels. These devices should have a disconnect switch to protect outside circuits, but never assume lines are de-energized. A question was asked about why there are aerial, non-insulated power lines. They are lower cost and less weight.

3. Excavator Concerns

- How deep are underground utilities? Utilities have no obligation to provide depth. Hand dig or vacuum excavate within the utility tolerance zone.
- Dora Parks, OCC: A standard ticket cannot become an emergency. Not allowed. Be sure field people have tickets onsite.
- Duration of ticket: MD, after 12 days ticket expires. Can update ticket. In DE, 10 days.
- For emergency tickets, ITIC usually not available. Utility owners can use ITIC online for emergencies.
- For handicapped ramps, request a 30 ft. radius on tickets. Private utilities will not be marked.
- Comcast and USIC are working on delayed tickets problem. Also, if there is a Verizon issue, create a discrepancy. An email will verify that the message has been processed. The ticket discrepancy is sent to locating company. A single ticket can only have one delayed status.
- Ticket polygons: mapping is critical. Must match place and location on the map.
- A utility member can have information on their utilities by member code.

4. Facility Owner Concerns

- None.

5. General Locate Issues

- Diamond Materials updates tickets with no construction activity for 6 months, in Delaware. Eric Cimo will work on the problem.
- I Chose to Look the Other Way (presented by Dora Parks), an important safety message.

6. Public Awareness

- Jason Lyon: handouts for 2017 are available.
- February, DRWA Show 2/22.23
- I Love Smyrna Day, February 25.
- 4x8 banners are available for display.
- The 2016 Winter Scoop was distributed January 4, 2017. Next issue of The 2017 Spring Scoop will be distributed end of March, 2017.
- DE Safety Association- 4/10,11
- Earth Day- 4/22
- GCDPTC October 24-27.
- Handouts available today
- Contractor seminars and ads are planned
- Jerry Platt, DE PSC radio ads: Grant will be delayed by the change of power in Washington. Miss Utility will do ads in April/May. PSC ads later this year.

7. Committee Reports

- Dig Smart: will modify the award for 2017.
- Locator awards will be held in April, 2017 for the 9th year.
- April is Safe Dig month.

8. Old Business

- Suburban Propane letter will go out soon.

9. New Business

- The next membership meeting (March 16, 2017) will be hosted by The City of Wilmington, 500 Wilmington Ave., Wilmington DE 19720. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 am, with the meeting to commence at 9:00 am.

Attendance:

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Upcoming Events:

March, 2017

Date	Venue	Address	Time
03.16.17	City of Wilmington	500 Wilmington Ave., Wilmington DE 19720	8:30 am

April, 2017

Date	Venue	Address	Time
04.20.17	DE Electric Coop.	14198 Sussex Hwy., Greenwood DE 19950	8:30 am

**For additional meetings, please visit our website, www.missutilitydelmarva.com*