

Board of Tree Experts Minutes

April 19, 2023

The Board of Tree Experts met on this date at the Modern Group, 75 New St., Edison, NJ.

Those present were:

Steve Chisholm, Sr., Chairman (Zoom)
G. Lovallo, Vice Chair
R. Wolowicz
J. Greipp
K. Downes
M. Goggin
T. Wyckoff (Zoom)
S. Spero (Zoom)

Bruce Velzy DAG
Candice McLaughlin DAG (Zoom)

Rodger Frey, OSHA Representative

Staff

P. Aufiero, Recording Secretary
L. Herrera, Administrative Assistant
E. Jones, Compliance Inspector

Public in Attendance

Gio Herrera

Meeting called to order at 2:09pm

- I. **Open Public Meeting Act:** Read by P. Aufiero signed by G. Lovallo and R. Wolowicz.
- II. **Agenda:** Motion to approve Agenda by R. Wolowicz, seconded by J. Greipp. Motion passed.
- III. **Minutes** Motion to approve minutes of March 21, 2023 by R. Wolowicz, seconded by T. Wyckoff. Motion passed with change. M. Goggin abstains.
- IV. **Administrative Report and Correspondence**
 - A. **Vendor Update:**
MVC will only accept a check (\$150.00 per year)
 - B. **Website:**
Google search now leads to new website.
Website Committee: S. Spero.
Motion to authorize up to \$1,000.00 for improvements by K. Downes, seconded by M. Goggin, Motion passed.
Discussion: Re-capture the old website if it is available.
 - C. **Enforcement Report:** see attached

V. Financial Report not available:

Discussion: Two new Inspectors are waiting to start, speak to S. Chisholm will speak to S. Matis concerning Purchase Orders for both.

Motion to hire two inspectors by K. Downes, seconded by J. Greipp. Motion passed.

VI. Compliance:

Discussion: Inspectors should develop a relationship with municipal authorities, Code Enforcement, Police Dept, etc.

Compliance Committee will have a training update meeting with Inspectors and C. McLaughlin, DAG, will attend.

VII. Public Comment: None

VIII. Old Business

A. **Attendance Policy:** Minor changes.

B. **By-Laws,** Highlands By-Laws to be used as a template.

C. **Human Resources Training,** online sessions that can be completed individually.
T. Wyckoff inquire about the State's program being available. Board will make a formal request.

Does 22nd Century have a program?

IX. New Business

A. Motion to approve 5 business registrations J. Greipp, seconded by R. Wolowicz. Motion passed.

CGG Landscaping Service	LTCO	Colts Neck NJ
Triple AAA Tree Landscaping	LTCO	Paterson NJ
Flores Lawn Care & Landscaping	LTCO	Jackson NJ
Eco Green Landscaping Services	LTCO	Ewing NJ
VC Landscaping LLC	LTCO	North Brunswick NJ

B. Reciprocity: Motion to approve reciprocity for Chris Larson and Brian Rhotan for exemption from the written portion of the Licensed Tree Expert Exam made by J. Greipp, seconded by R. Wolowicz. Motion passed.

C. Motion to approve reciprocity for Licensed Tree Care Operator for James Unger and Tighe Nostrand by J. Greipp, seconded by K. Downes. Motion passed.

D. Motion to certify the exam grades of the Licensed Tree Expert and Licensed Tree Care Operator Applicants for the class of April 2023 who have attained passing grades and will have their names read into the April 18, 2023 minutes by J. Greipp, seconded by M. Goggin. Motion passed.

Cristian Gonzales	Colts Neck NJ
Anyelo Gonzalez-Cruz	Paterson NJ
Adolfo Flores Vazquez	Jackson NJ

Donald Pineda Garcia
Vladimir Chavez Lorzana
Matthew Dolan
William Ende

Ewing NJ
North Brunswick NJ
Gloucester NJ
Long Branch NJ

- X.** Motion to go into closed session R. Wolowicz, seconded by M. Goggin. Motion passed 4:02pm.
4:10pm back from closed session.

XI. Other:

- A. Steven James (Precision Tree) Letter stating that he did not meet the terms of the agreement that was made with the Board so the Board is reinstating the full penalty amount.
- B. Randy Lindaberry is denied reinstatement as it is past 3 years and there was no effort to present CEUs or renewal application. He will be offered opportunity to take the LTCO Exam. Letter to be sent.
- C. Raul Garcia: call him and ask about the background check.

XII. Public Comment: None

Motion to adjourn by R. Wolowicz, seconded by M. Goggin. Motion passed, 4:31pm.