

Board of Tree Experts Minutes

October 17, 2023

The Board of Tree Experts met on this date at the Board Office, 101 W Veterans Hwy, Jackson, NJ 08527.

Those present were:

S. Chisholm, Chair
G. Lovallo, Vice Chair
J. Greipp
K. Downes
B. Emens
M. Goggin (phone)
R. Wolowicz (phone)
T. Wyckoff (Zoom)
S. Spero (member of the public)

Bruce Velzy DAG
Candice McLaughlin DAG

Staff

A. Glenn, Program Mgr.
P. Aufiero, Recording Secretary
L. Herrera, Administrative Assistant
E. Jones, Compliance Inspector

Public in Attendance

None

Meeting called to order at 9:32am

- I. **Open Public Meeting Act:** Read by GP. Aufiero, signed by S. Chisholm, Chair and G. Lovallo, Vice Chair.
- II. **Agenda:** Motion to approve Agenda by J. Greipp, seconded by B. Emens. Motion passed.
- III. **Minutes** Motion to approve minutes of June 20, 2023, with changes by GJ. Greipp, seconded by M. Goggin. Motion passed with changes. B. Emens abstains.
- IV. **Program Mgr. Report:** see attached.
 - A. **Vendor Update:**
see attached.
 - B. **Website & Database:**
.gov website on State of NJ page: T. Wyckoff is looking into this matter.
Staff DEP emails? Not all staff have DEP email.
DEP will not assist with cell phones for Compliance Inspectors.

Directory for Licensees is needed on website, especially LTEs that are applying for the grant. Ask S&A Technologies to re-install.

C. Compliance Report: see attached.

D. Enforcement Report : see attached.

Discussion: A business renewing that has an outstanding fine can only be suspended or revoked by board vote, and allowing an appeal.

E. CEU Report: see attached.

V. Financial Report: see attached. Discussion re:

New Copier (rental) Quotes needed CAA is looking into this)

NJ Start maximum was \$1,000.00 before 3 bid requirement. Has that changed?

VI. Inspector's Report: see attached.

N. Johnson needs additional training.

D. Johnson will be in Friday Oct 20, 2023 for training.

J. McKeown is resigning, has taken another part time position. (He was having unresolved payroll issues). S. Chisholm spoke with legislator regarding changes to the Act in 2024 concerning "Right to Hire". Ref: (Delaware River Basin Commission).
Joe Quatroch

VII. General Public Comment: None

VIII. Old Business:

a. Motion to approve Helder DeAbreu for the LTCO exam by J. Greipp, seconded by B. Emens. Motion passed.

IX. New Business:

a. Motion to approve 6 new business registrations by G. Lovallo, seconded by B. Emens. Motion passed.

b. Motion to certify the exam grades of the Licensed Tree Care Operator applicants for the class of October 2023 who have attained passing grades and will have their names read into the October 17, 2023 minutes by J. Greipp, seconded by T. Wyckoff. Motion passed.

Victor Tobon Moreno

Freehold, NJ

Brian Banko

Lindenwold, NJ

David Formalarie

Cream Ridge, NJ

Kyle Coppola

Annandale, NJ

Darwin Rosales

Dover, NJ

Santos Zavala

Piscataway, NJ

Peter Chay

Hamilton, NJ

c. Motion to approve Reciprocity by J. Greipp, seconded by G. Lovallo. Motion passed.

Daniel Cardaci LTCO

Jason Reitter LTE (exempt from written exa,)

David Martin LTCO, Pending receipt of one letter to be approved.

- d. Motion by B. Emens to approve 4 new candidates for LTE who have passed the field exam and have either been approved for Reciprocity (exemption from written exam) or have also passed the field exam, and will have their names read into the Minutes of the October 17, 2023 meeting, seconded by M. Goggin.

Motion passed.

Charles Mainor

Matthew Preiskines

Kevin Turner

James M. Dillon

- X. Motion to go into closed session to accept minutes of closed by J. Greipp, seconded by T. Wyckoff, 10:500am

XI. Other:

Randy Lindaberry: Fine has been rescinded and in order to reinstate he must have 32 CEUs along with renewal forms and fees. A. Glenn will send letter to attorney.

AONOCAPA: there are strict guidelines in issuing AONOCAPA, sufficient evidence is needed before issuing.

Companies issued renewal with outstanding fine, see PM Report, Enforcement.

Payment not posted or COI not entered(could be error, ask business for copy of check and/or COI)

D&S (Drago) ask for training record.

Steven Grau, Evergreen Tree & Landscape needs 32 CEUs, \$175 renewal with late fee and \$500 re-instatement.

Sean Bell

Motion to adjourn by G. Lovallo, seconded by B. Emens. Motion passed at 12:01pm.

Next meeting scheduled August 15, 2023, at the Board office.