

The Board of Tree Experts met on this date at the Forest Resource Education Center Building in Jackson, N.J. at 9:50 a.m. to discuss the business of the Board.

Those present were:

Mark Goggin	Sean Moriarty, DAG
Joseph Greipp	Gary Lovallo
David Johnson, Treasurer	
Michael D'Errico, Program Coordinator	

The open public meetings act was read by David Johnson. G. Lovallo made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2013 meeting with the correction of the spelling of Joe Bischoff's last name; J. Greipp seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report:

Dave Johnson reported:

Balance 7/01/12 = \$	9,103.59 (FY2013)
Disbursements = \$	10,696.70
Receipts = \$	<u>14,920.00</u>
Checking Account balance = \$	13,326.89
USFS Grant = \$	5,000.00
Asset Balance 02/19/13 = \$	18,326.89

M. Goggin moved to accept the Treasurer's report with J. Greipp seconding the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Correspondence:

- Joe Bischoff's letter was sent
- Todd Bradbury, CTE #554 of Bradbury Landscaping requested a seal

M. Goggin suggested that our web-site address be added to our voice mail message.

Administrative Report:

M. D'Errico reported over 25 phone call messages were received in the office. A third of the calls were on the taking the CTE exam, a few still concerning storm damage to trees

General Public Comments:

None

Old Business:

A. Web Site – D. Johnson reported that we are starting to update the web-site on the searchable data base. The calendar is now up and running, with dates that include the GSTC, the CTE Prep course, the CTE test date and the application deadline date.

B. Legislative support for rules - D. Johnson reported a letter of support for starting the rules now as opposed to 2014 was sent by Senator Gordon to the DEP Commissioner. Also, another letter signed by 10 or 12 legislators (sponsors and co-sponsors of the original bill) from the Senate and the Assembly was sent to the DEP Commissioner as well in support of starting the rules.

C. William Porter Memorial Tree Planting Service – The tree planting service is confirmed for May 11, 2013 at 11:00 am across from Blake Hall on the Rutgers Campus. A tree and a bench will be dedicated to the memory of Bill Porter, former Executive Director of the NJ Shade Tree Federation for over 30 years. D. Johnson gave a brief bio of the life and career of Bill Porter to the new members of the Board.

D. Other - None.

New Business:

A. CTE Exam Update – D. Johnson has been reviewing the exam, taking in to consideration the percentage of each of the sections of the test. This was previously suggested at the February Board meeting by Malcolm McBurney, CTE #566. D. Johnson reported the tree risk assessment section will be expanded as per a previous board discussion. G. Lovallo reaffirmed that cabling and bracing be on the CTE/LTE exam as this is one of the differences between the LTE and the LTCO. The Board discussed the continued development and review of the test. D. Johnson reminded the Board that the establishment of an examination subcommittee was previously discussed. D. Johnson will draft a break down of the percentages each section represents of the total exam for discussion by the Board at the next meeting.

B. A3767 and amended A3654 – D. Johnson handed out recent articles concerning utilities and trees. The articles included, helicopter pruning being employed by the utility companies and that JCLP spent over 200 million of infrastructure upgrades. D. Johnson explained to the Board the differences between A-3767 and the amended version of A-3654. Shade Tree Federation sent a letter to the sponsor listing concerns on the amended version of A-3654. The CAA reached out to the Green Industry Council for assistance with the bills and CAA members met with Assemblywoman Wagner to discuss and try to halt further movement of those bills. The Board discussed that maybe it was time that the Board of Public Utilities sit down with the

Board of Tree Experts to discuss vegetative management, trees and utilities lines.

- C. Other – J. Greipp stated that the web-site looks great. G. Lovallo suggested that the board review the regulations/rules on stump grinding and provide a “Board Recommendations” to the industry.

General Public Comments: None

Closed Session: None

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2013.

G. Lovallo move to adjourn and J. Greipp seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.