

Board of Tree Experts

Minutes

July 12, 2017

The Board of Tree Experts met on this date at Rutgers University, Cook College Campus, to discuss the business of the Board. Meeting called to Order 12:12pm

Those present were:

Steve Chisholm, Sr, President	
Rich Wolowicz, V. President/Treasurer	Gary Lovallo
Joe Greipp	Kevin Downes
Mark Goggin	Pamela Zipse
Michael Schuit, DAG	Barry Emens
Michael D'Errico, Program Manager	Carrie Sargeant

Public in Attendance:

None signed in

Open Public Meeting Act:

The Open Public Meeting Act was read by M. D'Errico.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

No minutes were read as the purpose of this meeting was to vote on approvals for Business Registrations, CTE to LTE and LTCO grandfathering and reciprocity applicants.

Administrative Report & Correspondence:

M. D'Errico reports

- a). That J. Moriarty will no longer be our DAG, Michael Schuit will now be our DAG. Jennifer will be available to us should the need arise. Steve thanked Jennifer for the contributions to the Board, specifically helping the Board obtain rule adoption.
- b). The Board acquired the email list of Home Improvement Contractors and will be sending notifications of the new law.
- c). A meeting was scheduled in Trenton re: NJEMS follow up and the licensing card and business registrations. It was determined that NJEMS will assign the Business Registration numbers. Upgrades to the NJEMS computer system are being done.
- d). The number of Business Registrations received has slowed since the deadline was extended to September 14, 2017, however the CTE to LTE transfer applications has increased.
- e). A landscape company that was doing tree pruning in Middlesex Borough was shut down after a call to the Board office by a CTE and a follow up with the code enforcement personnel and police from the Borough

Treasurer Report:

No report at this time

General Public Comments:

None

New Business:

A. Compliance with the Law/Rules - Update with Numbers - The Board was provided with a handout which detailed compliance with the rules to date. The Board was also provided with the June 2017’s CTE to LTE list for their records.

B. Review of Applications and Approval

1. Business Registration Applications to date:

Approved.....105

Up for Approval.....31 motion by M Goggin, seconded by R Wolowicz: vote: motioned passed

Incomplete Info.....97

Total.....233

2, CTE to LTE

Up for Approval.....113 motion by R Wolowicz, seconded by B Emens: vote: motion passed

Waiting for License fee.....82

Paid past dues.....9

Discussion: CTE to LTE; if LTE hasn’t paid \$150 by the end of the year they will lose their standing as a tree expert.

3. “Grandfathering” LTCO

Approved.....18

Up for Approval.....10 motion by J Greipp, seconded by R Wolowicz: vote: motion passed

Incomplete.....10

4. LTCO by Reciprocity

Up for Approval.....5 motion by G Lovallo, seconded by K Downes: vote: motion passed

One application for Grandfathering as LTCO was approved in error at Board's June 20th meeting – applicant was missing three letters of recommendation and did not have evidence of all seven years in the tree care business. C. Fikret's approval was nullified by motion by R Wolowicz, seconded by B Emens: vote: motion passed

Other Business

The Board's transfer committee and Assemblyman Ron Dancer will be meeting with Secretary of Agriculture on Tuesday July 18.

Next LTE, LTCO exam will be sometime in September, date and location to be determined.

Public Comment:

Joe Aufiero who was in attendance at the examination as a proctor, thanked the Board for their volunteerism.

Closed Session – Reciprocity Discussion - moved to room 115

Motion to adjourn to closed session, by G Lovallo , seconded by R Wolowicz: vote: motion passed at 12:40 pm

Adjournment after the closed session