

Board of Tree Experts Minutes

July 20, 2021

The Board of Tree Experts met on this date at the New Jersey Board of Tree Experts Office, 101 West Veterans Highway, Jackson, NJ 08527

Those present were:

S. Chisholm, President
B. Emens
G. Lovallo (phone)
J. Greipp
B. Emens
K. Downes (Zoom)
P. Zipse (Zoom)

Attending by Zoom

Michael Schuit, DAG
Candice McLaughlin DAG

Staff

Michael D'Errico, Program Manager
Patty Aufiero, Recording Secretary
Arlene Dietz, Administrative Assistant
Linda Herrera, Administrative Assistant

Meeting called to order at 9:30 am

- I. **Open Public Meeting Act:** Read by M. D'Errico, signed by S. Chisholm and B. Emens for R. Wolowicz
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve Agenda by B. Emens, seconded by J. Greipp. Motion passed.
- III. **Minutes:**
June 15, 2021, motion to approve by J. Greipp, seconded by K. Downes. Motion passed with minor correction/comments.
- IV. **Administrative Report and Correspondence:**
 - A. Received approval from Rutgers to have the Field portion of LTE Exam there. Forms for Parking Permits were sent by P. Zipse.

V. **Treasurer's Report:** : Presented to the Board, subject to audit. Available for review upon request.

A. A. Settlement Amounts by Business:

The Board was provided a listing of Settlement Amounts by Business, Z. Rivera is calling companies regarding outstanding fines and settlement amounts with good results.

B. Database Development: The Board was provided with a listing of the cost of the Database to date.

VI. **General Public Comment**

Patrick Breslin owner, Haddon Tree Company. Competitor has contacted sales rep for Haddon Tree and offered him a percentage of the job for disclosure of the estimate given to the customer. (Audio Recording) The competitor will give the customer a lower bid for the same work. If competitor gets the job the sales rep will be paid.

Discussion: Haddon Tree should file a formal complaint with the NJBTE providing evidence or it can be pursued privately through lawsuit in local court.

VII. **Closed Session**

Motion to go into closed session by J. Greipp, seconded by B. Emens. Motion passed at 10:21 am.

Motion to come out of closed session by G. Lovallo, seconded by P. Zipse at 11:45 am. Motion passed.

VIII. **Old Business**

A. Database Access to Board Members - Zoom Meetings:

Board members will be given their passwords and sign in ID to access the Database. A future zoom meeting will be held to provide instruction.

IX. **New Business**

A. Certification of Exams - Class of July 2021 . Motion to certify LTCO Examination grades for July 2021 and read into the minutes, by J. Greipp, seconded by B. Emens. Motion passed.

LTCO

Michael Barboza
Jose Collado
Pedro Jimenez

Caldwell NJ
Trenton NJ
Clark NJ

Jose Avalos
William Disch
Angel Milanese
Michael Halcomb
Francis Lillis

Washington Twp NJ
Piscataway NJ
Union NJ
Mt Laurel NJ
Jackson NJ

- B. Compliance with Law/Rules - Update with Numbers: The Board received the monthly updated listing of numbers for compliance with the law and the rules.
- C. Notice of Violation/NVOS update numbers: The Board received the monthly update on NOV/NVOS.
- D. Compliance Report - Inspectors on Database: Staff reported that the Inspectors are submitting good quality photos with license plates. New hire for Inspector position, Erik Jones of Ocean County was submitted to the Board's Compliance and Enforcement Committee for review. A motion was made to hire by B. Emens, seconded by G. Lovallo. Motion passed. Date will be scheduled for training.
- E. Approval of Business Registration:
Motion to approve 16 Business Registrations and read into the minutes by B. Emens, seconded by G. Lovallo. Motion passed.

Fresnos Landscaping LLC
King Lawn Service LLC
Chris Landscaping Service LLC
Gramajo Tree & Lawn Care LLC
New Jersey Tree Service LLC

New Brunswick NJ
Hillsborough NJ
Toms River NJ
Budd Lake NJ
Perth Amboy NJ

JRR Landscaping Inc
Oscar Tree Service LLC
Cumberland Tree Service LLC
Energy Tree Services LLC
The Lewis Agency & Financial Group
Fast Tree Services LLC
Junior & B Tree Service Landscaping
K&N Jaimes Tree Service
Avalos M&A Landscaping
KMM Tree and Lawn Service
Barbosa Services LLC

Tappan NY
Deerfield Twp NJ
Millville NJ
Egg Harbor City NJ
Flemington NJ
Bound Brook NJ
Matawan NJ
Dayton NJ
Washington NJ
Vernon NJ
Caldwell NJ

- F. Approval for LTCO Reciprocity:
LTCO Reciprocity for Tim Fisher – vote was tabled until new letters of recommendations are received. Staff will reach out the applicant.

- G. Other – None

- X. General Public Comment
None

- XI. **Motion to adjourn** by G. Lovallo, seconded by P. Zipse. Motion passed, 12:04pm.