

March 16, 2012
LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION CONTRACTORS
EXAMINING BOARD

The Landscape Irrigation Contractors Examining Board held their meeting at the DEP building, Trenton, NJ. George McCarthy called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. The following members were in attendance:

MEMBER	AFFILIATION
Linda Cantwell	NJDEP
Robert Dobson	Middletown Sprinkler
Patric LiSanti	Growing Concern Inc
George McCarthy	Spring Irrigation

Edith Brower, DAG, Gene Rosenblum, DAG, Charlie Maack, DEP, and members of the public were also in attendance.

Linda Cantwell read the Open Public Meetings Act statement for the Landscape Irrigation Contractors Examining Board and announced that adequate notice of this meeting had been provided to the Secretary of State and designated newspapers, as well as posted in DEP.

Bob Dobson motioned to enter into a closed session in order to complete the application review. Rick LiSanti seconded the motion. The remainder of the Board approved.

The Board returned from their closed session.

Members of the public arrived.

Correspondence was received from an irrigation contractor who had recently become ineligible to renew due to failure to make his renewal payment. The individual was requesting that the Board reinstate the certificate due to a financial hardship. A discussion was held. It was agreed that nothing in the statute or the rules and regulations would permit this request. The individual will be notified.

Correspondence was received from an individual as a result of the Board's inquiry as to whether or not they were advertising irrigation work without an irrigation certification. A discussion was held. The individual will be notified that unless they have an irrigation certification, they cannot advertise.

Eric Nelson, NJ Irrigation Association (IANJ) addressed the Board. Mr. Nelson expressed concerns with inconsistent communications between the IANJ and the Board. In addition, Mr. Nelson is requesting that the Board provide the IANJ with communications being sent to irrigation contractors. Mr. Nelson informed the Board that there is some tension between the IANJ and distributors offering continuing education credits, due to the differences in the credit hours being assigned. The IANJ courses receive more credit than those offered by distributors. Mr. Nelson was seeking additional information on the Water Sense partnership suspension.

A discussion was held with Mr. Nelson regarding his concerns and comments.

Bob Dobson motioned to enter into a closed session in order to discuss enforcement matters. Rick LiSanti seconded the motion. The remainder of the Board approved.

The open and closed session minutes from the January 20, 2012 and February 29, 2012 meetings were approved as presented.

A Treasurer's report was not available. Members will be sent an electronic copy once it becomes available.

The Board reviewed copies of the revised rules and regulations recently emailed to the Board members. A discussion was held. Bob Dobson motioned to establish a sub-committee with George McCarthy in an effort to have a finalized copy for the Board to review. Rick LiSanti seconded the motion. The remainder of the Board approved.

Bob Dobson informed the members that the EPA is considering eliminating the Water Sense partnership. A discussion was held.

Bob Dobson motioned to approve 15 applications and conditionally approve two pending additional information. Rick LiSanti seconded the motion. The remainder of the Board approved.

The Board was informed that the department had made an inquiry concerning the Board vacancies. It was requested that all the resumes previously submitted be resubmitted. In addition, the Board would need to provide a recommendation in order to fill the vacancies.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George McCarthy". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

George McCarthy, Chairman
Landscape Irrigation Contractors Board