

March 27, 2014
LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION CONTRACTORS
EXAMINING BOARD

The Landscape Irrigation Contractors Examining Board held their meeting at the DEP Complex, Trenton, NJ. George McCarthy called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The following members were in attendance:

MEMBER	AFFILIATION
Linda Cantwell	NJDEP
Robert Dobson	Middletown Sprinkler
George McCarthy	Spring Irrigation Co Inc.
William Frederick Rapp	Atlantic Irrigation Specialties

Absent

Ken Scherer	Hillsborough Irrigation
Gaetano Virone	Environmental Designers Irrigation

Gene Rosenblum, DAG Michael Schuit, DAG, Matthew Orsini, Esq., Division of Law, Trish Conti and Annie Loh, NJDEP, 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.

The open and closed session minutes from February 19, 2014 meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented.

The Board reviewed and accepted the Treasurer's report as presented.

Veronica Blette, Chief, EPA WaterSense Program, responded to the Board's correspondence concerning their WaterSense Program suspension. Ms. Blette informed the Board that their suspension will be lifted as of March 17, 2014. As a result, NJ landscape irrigation contractors will now be eligible to apply to become an EPA WaterSense partner.

A discussion was held concerning proceeding with hiring a temporary employee (temp) to assist with supporting the Board. The temp would be responsible for assisting with the business permit process. This assignment would last between three and six months. The temp would work two days each week. If time permits, the temp would be assigned other duties in order to support the Board. The Board voted to pursue this matter.

The Board voted to enter into a closed session in order to discuss enforcement matters at 10:40 a.m. Whereas the Open Public Meeting Act provides that a public body such as the Landscape Irrigation Contractors Examining Board may meet in closed session to discuss "any investigations of possible violations of law" and any pending or anticipated litigation; Whereas the Board desires to retire to closed session to discuss possible violations of law and litigation matters; Now therefore, be it resolved that the Board shall at this time meet in closed session to discuss the above mentioned matters. The substance of the closed session will be disclosed publicly only when it will not impede the State's ability to investigate the possible violation of law in question or participate in the litigation or breach an attorney-client privilege.

The Board returned to open session at 11:05 a.m.

DAG Schuit informed the Board that he had been in contact with the DEP press office. The press office has agreed to assist the Board with any press releases. In addition, Bob Dobson informed the Board that he has sent a draft press release to Fred Sickles, DEP-Water Supply, to review and possibly issue.

The Board voted as follows:

Close case 749 – the Board determined that this company is not advertising irrigation

Bob Dobson left the meeting along with DAG Schuit, DAG Rosenblum, and Matthew Orsini, Esq.

The remaining Board reviewed business permit applications as follows:

13 initial applications were approved

3 initial applications are pending guidance concerning worker's compensation insurance.

The Board reviewed applications for the April examination as follows:

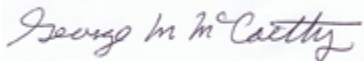
7 initial applications were approved

2 initial applications were conditionally approved pending confirmation of irrigation work under a designated certificate holder

3 re-applications were approved

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



George McCarthy, Chairman
Landscape Irrigation Contractors Board