## June 3, 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 9:50 a.m. The following members were in attendance:

## MEMBER AFFILIATION

Linda Cantwell NJDEP

Robert Dobson Middletown Sprinkler
George McCarthy Spring Irrigation Co Inc.
Ken Scherer Hillsborough Irrigation

Gaetano Virone Environmental Designers Irrigation

Absent

William Frederick Rapp Atlantic Irrigation Specialties

Gene Rosenblum, DAG Michael Schuit, DAG, Christine Baker, DAG, Maria Ryden, Division of Law, 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.

A discussion was held concerning the agreement prepared by the Irrigation Association in an attempt to secure them for both software upgrades and tracking continuing education credits for landscape irrigation contractors. The Board was advised to pursue three telephone quotes in order to move forward with this matter. Guy Virone offered to obtain the telephone quotes.

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

The open and closed session minutes from March 27, 2014 meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented. Guy Virone and Ken Scherer abstained.

The Board was informed that staff will begin interviewing for a temporary employee to assist with Board matters.

The Board voted to authorize staff to review and approve business permits.

Correspondence was received from a contractor inquiring as to whether or not he would be required to obtain eight credits in water conservation. Bob Dobson agreed to prepare a response.

Correspondence had been received from an individual recently receiving an advertising inquiry. The correspondence indicated that it cost \$45 to update the website and that we should have more important things to do.

The Board reviewed and approved exam results from the April 2014 examination as follows 4 passed, 18 failed.

The Board voted to enter into a closed session in order to discuss enforcement matters at 12:00 p.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 12:30. Since there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

George McCarthy, Chairman

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