

**MINUTES**  
**LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION CONTRACTORS**  
**EXAMINING BOARD**

The Landscape Irrigation Contractors Examining Board held their meeting on July 23, 2010. George McCarthy called the meeting to order. The following members were in attendance:

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

Randy Pease, DAG, Gene Rosenblum, DAG, and Tim Martin (New Jersey Irrigation Association) 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.

Rick LiSanti motioned to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2010 meeting. Bob Dobson seconded the motion. There was a unanimous Board affirmative vote. Rick LiSanti motioned to approve the closed session minutes from the May 11, 2010 meeting. Bob Dobson seconded the motion. There was a unanimous Board affirmative vote.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Treasurer's report. Bob Dobson motioned to accept the report. Rick LiSanti seconded the motion. There was a unanimous Board affirmative vote.

Linda Cantwell informed the Board that due to a scheduling conflict the Board meeting would need to be changed from September 14 to September 15. The Board agreed to change the date.

Bob Dobson indicated that the new legislation became effective on July 15, 2010. As a result, the rules and regulations will need to be re-promulgated. Now might be a good time to review the rules and regulations to insure other changes are not needed.

Tim Martin arrived

A discussion was held concerning the new legislation and the need to re-promulgate the rules and regulations. An inquiry was made as to whether or not an employee working for a plumber that is doing irrigation work would be eligible to apply for the examination. Since the experience requirements can go back no more than 15 years, an applicant would not be able to obtain three years of experience unless they had some experience under a certified irrigation contractor.

Bob Dobson provided copies of a draft outlining the continuing education credit (CEC) process. Since the legislation does not provide enough information with regard to CECs (what kind, how many), the rules and regulations must be updated and re-published before we can require CECs for certificate holders. Mr. Dobson was concerned because Sustainable NJ is moving forward with the Model Water Efficiency Ordinance. Municipalities adopting this ordinance would require irrigation contractors to be recognized by WaterSense. A discussion was

held as to how NJ contractors could become WaterSense recognized. Since the legislation gives the Board the authority to take administrative actions necessary for implementation the Board could begin collecting CEC information in anticipation of the regulations. A mechanism to maintain any information submitted will be necessary. We can collect CECs that comply with the National Irrigation Associations requirement until we can re-adopt our regulations with the CEC requirements. Since WaterSense will accept five CECs from NJ contractors, when contacted we can tell WaterSense how many CECs the contractor has.

Bob Dobson motioned that the Board enters into a closed session in order to discuss enforcement matters. Rick LiSanti seconded the motion. There was a unanimous Board affirmative vote.

The Board returned to open session.

After reviewing the investigation report and supporting documentation provided by the enforcement contractor, will the Board proceed with an enforcement action against Scott Meyer (Fairway Estates Landscaping)?

George McCarthy	No
Bob Dobson	No
Rick LiSanti	No
Linda Cantwell	No

Based on the information provided by the Atlantic City Special Improvement District should this case be closed?

George McCarthy	Yes
Bob Dobson	Yes
Rick LiSanti	Yes
Linda Cantwell	Yes

Rick LiSanti motioned to approve two initial applications for the October 2010 exam. Bob Dobson seconded the motion. There was a unanimous Board affirmative vote.

A discussion was held concerning the enforcement contract. The current contract expires in September 2010. Arrangements will be made to renew this contract for the final year. The Board should start working on the enforcement contract process at the beginning of 2011 to avoid a lapse in services.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2010

Respectfully Submitted,



George McCarthy, Chairman  
Landscape Irrigation Contractors Board