

March 11, 2011 MINUTES
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 10:35 a.m. The following members were in attendance:

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

Gene Rosenblum, DAG, Charlie Maack, DEP, Tim Martin and Michael Petruzzelli , representing NJIA, 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.

Board members were given CEC submissions that were recently received.

Tim Martin indicated that he is aware that the Board is currently in the rule making process as a result of the business permit and continuing education credits (CECs) requirements. The New Jersey Irrigation Association (NJIA) is concerned with the timing. As a result, Mr. Martin requested a pre-proposal meeting with the NJIA and the Board in an effort to insure a swift re-adoption process and to address any concerns they may have with the proposed changes. Also, a discussion was held regarding irrigation contractor concerns regarding the appearance of lack of enforcement, advertising by non-certified contractors, and incomplete complaint submissions.

Both sets of minutes from the January 19, 2011 meeting were approved as presented.

The Board reviewed and approved the Treasurer's report.

Board members were recently provided with the draft agreement in order continue with the purchase and scoring of exams through the Irrigation Association and asked for comments or concerns as soon as possible.

Members were informed that the agreement with their enforcement contractor will expire in early September. Board members requested that the process be started in an effort to avoid a lapse in enforcement capabilities. The Board agreed to solicit bids from contractors previously contacted by the Board.

Motion approved to go into a closed session.

The Board returned to open session.

The Board was informed that three candidates had previously requested to be rescheduled to the April examination. To date, 12 repeat applicants have submitted their exam fees in order to take the April exam. The motion was approved to accept 10 initial/re-applications and conditionally approve two applications pending further verification of employment while doing irrigation work.

A brief discussion was held concerning the rules. Board members will reach out to DAG Randy Pease concerning Tim Martin's request for a pre-proposal meeting. It was agreed that if a meeting would be held, it should be scheduled shortly.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2011

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