

May 17, 2011
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
Patric LiSanti	Growing Concern Inc
George McCarthy	Spring Irrigation
Robert Dobson	Middletown Sprinkler

Randy Pease, DAG and Charlie Maack, DEP, 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 minutes from the April 29, 2011 meeting were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's report was accepted. The Board was informed that money would be encumbered for the exam/exam scoring expenses.

The Board reviewed the results from the April 2011 examination. Bob Dobson motioned to accept revised exam results pending further analysis provided the candidate achieved a minimum score of 70 percent with a minimum of 50 percent in each category. Rick Lisanti seconded the motion. The Board was informed that the individual applying for reciprocity from North Carolina had passed the NJ specific of the exam. He will be contacted and requested to send in an exam fee along with his certification fee.

The Board was informed that six bids for solicitations were sent out to private investigators that might be interested in becoming an investigative agent for the Board. It was agreed to solicit bids from contractors previously contacted by the Board. The Board was informed that two responses were received, one package was returned by the post office, and one investigator had contacted the office for additional information but had not submitted a written response. The Board members reviewed the responses that were submitted. A discussion was held. Both of the bids submitted were similar. By combining the Agent 1 and Agent 2 bids, it was determined that Investigative Solutions was the lowest bidder in year 1 and year 2. In year 3 the bids were identical. Bob Dobson motioned to re-engage Investigative Solutions, Verona, NJ as their enforcement contractor. Rick LiSanti seconded the motion. The remainder of the Board approved.

Charlie Maack arrived

The Board went into a closed session in order to discuss enforcement matters and review reports as of result of recent investigations.

The Board returned to open session.

Five cases had been referred to the enforcement contractor for investigation. As a result of the investigation, two cases were closed, additional information will be sent concerning 2 of the cases, and the Board voted to issue a penalty for advertising without a certification, pending the DAG's recommendations. Three new cases will be referred to the enforcement contractor for investigation.

The Board continued their discussion on changes to the rules and regulations.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. at 1:50 p.m.

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

