

Minutes BLIC November 28, 2017

Minutes Taker-Stacy Andersen

Start Time: 10:11 AM

End Time: 12:44 PM

BOARD OF LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION CONTRACTORS

Meeting Location: DCA Building
101 S. Broad Street
Trenton, NJ 08625
1st Floor Conference Room 129

Attendees:

Board Members

George M. McCarthy

Gaetano Virone

Robert Dobson

Kevin Luckie

Affiliation

Spring Irrigation Co. Inc.

Environmental Designers Irrigation

Middletown Sprinkler

Assistant Director DCA

Legal Counsel

Valentina DiPippo

DAG

DCA Staff

Stacy Andersen

John Delesandro

Licensing & Education DCA

Supervisor of Codes & Standards DCA

Absent

Fred Rapp

Ken Scherer

Atlantic Irrigation

Hillsborough Irrigation

Official Start Time: 10:11

Stacy Andersen read aloud the Open Public Meetings Act statement for the Board of Landscape Irrigation Contractors and announced that adequate notice of this meeting had been provided to the Secretary of State, and designated newspapers.

Public Comment

Gregg Rogers from Garden Irrigation attended the meeting as well as Tim Martin from the IANJ. Gregg Rogers discussed his concern regarding unlicensed landscapers performing irrigation work. He suggested that we look into alerting supply houses and require that they ask to see a current irrigation license before they sell any sort of irrigation supplies to them. Gaetano Virone said that distributors would rather not because they make more money on the unlicensed irrigation contractors.

John Delesandro discussed the process of enforcement. All violations should come to the Department of Community Affairs rather than sending them to the IANJ. Gregg Rogers asked there was a way to make information about enforcement cases public on the Department of Community Affairs website. Stacy Andersen had asked Gregg Rogers to keep a list of his complaints that he sends so when he would like to know the status of a complaint it would be easier to locate. Stacy Andersen also advised Gregg Rogers to complete the complaint form for each complaint.

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Gregg Rogers asked if it was possible to get inspectors out to issue stop orders and complaints. Kevin Luckie said that right now it is just not feasible. We are a work in progress and hopefully in the future we can have stop work orders and be able to send out inspectors but right now their staffing is just not what it used to be. Gregg Rogers thanked the Board for their time and left the meeting at 10:46 AM.

Tim Martin from the IANJ also attended the meeting and said that a meeting was held on December 8, 2017 with the IANJ and a discussion came up about Building Safety Conference. Tim Martin said that the IANJ would like to see some sort of education to the inspectors regarding irrigation. Another way of getting the word out to the inspectors and code officials about irrigation would be an article in the Communicator as well as the information regarding Building Safety Conference.

Tim Martin suggested that the Board should make the complaint form more noticeable on the Depart of Community Affairs website so it is easier for people to find. Tim Martin then asked who the complaint form should go to. George McCarthy recommended that if the IANJ receives any complaints that they should be referred to the Depart of Community Affairs.

John Delesandro discussed with Tim Martin an issue with the IANJ Member Directory stating that they should require irrigation contractors be current and also list their license numbers.

Tim Martin thanks the Board for their time and left the meeting at 11:06 AM.

Minutes were reviewed for September 19, 2017 meeting.

Bob Dobson motioned to accept September 19, 2017 meeting minutes, Kevin Luckie seconded. Unanimous approval of February 14, 2017 meeting minutes.

Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Gaetano Virone motioned to accept Treasurer's Report, Bob Dobson seconded. Unanimous approval of Treasurer's Report.

Gaetano Virone motioned to go into closed session, Kevin Luckie seconded motion. Unanimous approval to proceed to closed session. Closed session began at 11:15 AM.

Kevin Luckie motioned to return to Open session at 12:39 PM, Gaetano Virone seconded the motion. Unanimous approval to return to open session

Gaetano Virone motioned to pass anyone with a 68% and above including Dan Smith during closed session, Kevin Luckie seconded. Unanimous approval.

Gaetano Virone motioned to adjourn meeting, George Dobson seconded motion. Unanimous approval to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 12:44 close.