

Board of Tree Experts Minutes

August 20, 2024

The Board of Tree Experts met on this date at the Jackson Township Municipal Building, Council Room, 95 W Veterans Hwy, Jackson, NJ 08527

Those present were:

S. Chisholm, Sr., Chairman
G. Lovallo, Vice Chair
B. Emens (Zoom)
J. Greipp
K. Downes
M. Goggin (Zoom)
R. Wolowicz (Zoom)
T. Wyckoff (Zoom)
S. Spero (Zoom)

Bruce Velzy DAG
Candice McLaughlin DAG

Staff

B. Brash, Program Manager (Zoom)
P. Aufiero, Recording Secretary
A. Dietz, Administrative Assistant
L. Herrera, Administrative Assistant
L. Hayes, Administrative Assistant

Public in Attendance None

Meeting called to order at 9:37 am

- I. **Open Public Meeting Act:** Read by P. Aufiero.
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Agenda:** Motion to approve Agenda by G. Lovallo, seconded by J. Greipp. Motion passed with changes.
- IV. **Minutes** Motion to table minutes of July 16, 2024, to be reviewed at September meeting by G. Lovallo, seconded by J. Greipp. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. **Administrative Report and Correspondence**
 - A. **Compliance with the Law**
Monthly Stats (included with packet)
- VI. **Financial Report:**
 - B. Brash and S. Chisholm had a virtual meeting with DEP to clarify our balance going forward and if there are enough funds to hire another compliance inspector. It

was determined that we do have enough funds. (financial packet was not available at the time of the meeting).

VII. Inspector Report:

N. Johnson has been contacting Shade Tree Commissions/Committees in southern NJ. He has been going into the Mt. Laurel area for inspections. There is some frustration with registered companies not seeing any enforcement of the non-registered companies.

D. Garrett has been encountering the same frustration over lack of enforcement.

VIII. Public Comment: None

IX. Unfinished Business

- A. New Compliance Inspector, Peter Ellis. Begin process for onboarding, ID/Badge, business cards, etc.
- B. LTE Field Exam ins scheduled for September 11, 2024, the set-up date is September 9. Proctors are needed, we have 17 candidates as of this date.
- C. Note on email blast reminding licensees that for the 2025 renewal only eight (8) online CEUs will be accepted, all others must be in-person courses.

X. New Business

- A. Motion to approve 5 business registrations G. Lovallo, seconded by B. Emens. Motion passed, unanimously.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Type</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Joshua Tree Experts | LTCO | Clifton, NJ |
| Tree Paradise Services | LTCO | Cape May, NJ |
| Best Quality Tree Service | LTCO | Dover, NJ |
| Acorns Tree Service | LTCO | Dover, NJ |
| 4 Seasons Tree Service | LTCO | Wharton, NJ |

- B. A motion was made to approve the registration of Elm Street Tree Service LLC pending receipt of letter of recommendation, by G. Lovallo, seconded by J. Greipp. Motion passed, unanimously.
- C. A motion was made to approve the registration of Trees Company by J. Greipp, seconded by K. Downes. Motion passed, unanimously.
- D. Reciprocity: A motion was made to approve reciprocity application for Glenn Pearson, for exemption from the written portion of the LTE Exam, by J. Greipp, seconded by G. Lovallo. Motion passed, unanimously.
- E. Motion to certify the exam grades of the Licensed Tree Care Operator applicants for the class of July 9, 2024 who have attained passing grades and will have their names read into the July 16, 2024 minutes by J. Greipp, seconded by G. Lovallo. Motion passed, unanimously.

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| Ramon Canelas Alvarez | Wharton, NJ |
| Manuel Vasquez | Toms River, NJ |
| Wilfredo Ordonez Espinal | Dover, NJ |
| Liber Madrigal | Woodland Park, NJ |
| Carlos Padilla Galan | Wharton, NJ |

XI. Other:

- A. Motion to approve payment for B. Velzy to attend the NJ Shade Tree Federation Conference in October by G. Lovallo, seconded by J. Greipp. Motion passed, R. Wolowicz abstains.
- B. C. McLaughlin and B. Velzy will assist in re-writing the enforcement section of the law, factoring in the "Administrative Procedure Act".
- C. The U.S. Congress is issuing a proposed federal workplace safety standard for tree care operations. See the handout.

XII. Public Comment: None

Motion to adjourn by G. Lovallo, seconded by B. Emens. Motion passed, 11:22am. Motion passed, unanimously.