

## Board of Tree Experts Minutes

November 19, 2024

The Board of Tree Experts met on this date at 101 W Veterans Hwy, Jackson, NJ

### Those present were:

#### **Board Members:**

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

#### **DAsG:**

Candice McLaughlin DAG

#### **Staff:**

##### **Administrative**

B. Brash, Program Manager  
P. Aufiero, Recording Secretary  
A. Dietz, Admin. Assistant  
L. Hayes, Admin. Assistant  
L. Herrera, Admin. Assistant

##### **Compliance Inspectors**

J. Cramer, Compliance Inspector  
D. Garrett, Compliance Inspector  
P. Ellis, Compliance Inspector  
N. Johnson, Compliance Inspector  
E. Jones, Compliance Inspector

**Public in Attendance:** None

### **Meeting called to order at 9:33am.**

- I. **Open Public Meeting Act:** Read by P. Aufiero.
- II. **Agenda:** Motion to approve Agenda by B. Emens, seconded by M. Goggin. Motion passes, unanimously.
- III. **Minutes:**  
Motion to approve the minutes of October 15, 2024, M. Goggin, seconded by B. Emens. Motion passes, unanimously.

**IV. Administrative Report:**

**A. Compliance with the Law;**

1. Monthly Stats (included with packet)

**V. Financial Report: (Included in packet)**

- A.** Revenue
- B.** Expenditures

**VI. Inspector Report:**

Discussion:

- A.** Meeting with Inspectors after the Board meets.

**VII. Public Comment:**

None

**VIII. Unfinished Business:**

**A. FOPM**

The owner of FOPM came into the office and discussed with B. Brash how to handle payment of the fine. B. Brash recommended a good faith first payment of \$2,000.00 and then \$1,000.00 per month until it is paid off, approximately 2 years. Also discussed was the fact that he will need to register the business and have a licensee. He was concerned that if he failed the exam he would have to wait 3 months so he wanted sometime to study. He was given both applications but we have not received anything back. Additional discussion was had concerning other incentives for him to pay the fine.

**IX. New Business:**

- A.** A motion was made to approve 6 business registrations by M. Goggin, seconded by J. Greipp. Motion passes, unanimously.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jerrell's Landscape & Nurseries	LTCO	Mt. Laurel, NJ
Xelhua Tree Services, LLC	LTCO	Red Bank, NJ
Imperiale Landscaping & Tree Service, LLC	LTCO	New Brunswick, NJ
JD Landscape & Hardscape, LLC	LTCO	Sicklerville, NJ
EDZ Tree Service	LTCO	Elizabeth, NJ
The Roble Landscaping & Tree Service, LLC	LTCO	Parsippany, NJ

- B.** A motion was made to approve **6 Candidates** as Licensed Tree Care Operators having passed the written exam, by J. Greipp, seconded by B. Emens. Motion passes, unanimously.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Michelle Jerrell	Moorestown, NJ
Chris Drago	Millstone, NJ
Jacob Richardson	Mt. Laurel, NJ
Hugo Pinho Dos Santos	Elizabeth, NJ
Edison Gonzalez	Langhorne, PA
Rene Hernandez	Parsippany, NJ

**C. Reciprocity:**

Motion to approve reciprocity as a Licensed Tree Care Operator for Hugo Hernandez of Seymour, CT by J. Greipp, seconded by M. Goggin. Motion passes, unanimously.

**X. Other:**

- A.** Discussion concerning the use of AI to summarize meetings. This will first be used by the CAA for a trial.
- B.** LECO translated into Portuguese. S. Chisholm will ask the court clerk if there is a list of translators that the Jackson Municipal Court uses.
- C.** Discussion concerning accommodations to be made for someone who needs assistance taking the LTE exam, specifically, the need to have someone write down his answers for the Field portion of the exam. J. Greipp would volunteer to walk with him and write down the answers.

**XI. Motion to adjourn** by B. Emens, seconded by M. Goggin. Motion passes, unanimously, at 10:52am.