

The Board of Tree Experts met on this date at the Forest Resource Education Center Building in Jackson, N.J. at 9:35 a.m. to discuss the business of the Board.

Those present were:

S. Chisholm, President	Jennifer Dalia, DAG
Joseph Greipp	Barry Emons
David Johnson, Treasurer	Kevin Downes
Michael D'Errico, Program Coordinator	Rich Wolowicz

The open public meetings act was read by David Johnson. D. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 19; J. Greipp seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report:

Dave Johnson reported:

Balance 7/01/12 = \$	9,103.59 (FY2013)
Disbursements = \$	12,560.48
Receipts = \$	<u>14,920.00</u>
Checking Account balance = \$	11,463.11
USFS Grant = \$	5,000.00
Asset Balance 02/19/13 = \$	16,463.11

D. Johnson explained to the board the disbursement to the STF for the CTE page in the *SHADE TREE*.

R. Wolowicz moved to accept the Treasurer's report with the correction of date change for asset balance from March 19, 2013 to April 16, 2013. J. Greipp seconding the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Correspondence/ Administrative Report:

M. D'Errico reported that we are looking into a second line in the office to accommodate the CAA. The CTE web-site address was added to the phone message. We have received a couple of CTE test applications and we are starting to input the data into the searchable data base.

S. Chisholm suggested we convert to direct billing from Verizon to eliminate paper phone bills and late charges. It was also suggested that we look into cable as a possible phone carrier.

General Public Comments:

None

Old Business:

A. Rule Making – D. Johnson reported that not much feed back has been acknowledged since the legislative letter was received. There is some discussion internally however. K. Downes reported that Senator Scarlo did talk to the DEP Commissioner. The Board discussed the creation of short facts concerning the need for the Rules now and the possibility of M. Goggin providing to the governor. J. Dalia suggested to the Board the Citizen Service Correspondence link to send information to the governor. The Board then discussed what elements and topics should be included.

B. SCTE meeting – D. Johnson was asked to meet with the SCTE to discuss the CTE prep course put on by the Society. D. Johnson provided a copy of the CTE Prep Course Outline to the Board. The Board discussed the prep course adding pruning and risk management and a safety section.

C. A3654 legislation – D. Johnson reported that the State Forester and the chief of forest Management met and talked to the Board of Public Utilities. It was stressed at the meeting that the governor wants the legislation to go through.

D. Other – None

New Business:

A. Updated meeting Schedule - D. Johnson provided the Board with an updated schedule of meetings for June and November. The June 18, 2013 meeting will be the normal time of 9:30 am but the location will be in Edison at Modern Equipment. The November 19, 2013 meeting will also be at Modern Equipment in Edison but the time of the meeting is moved to 6:30 pm.

B. CTE recertification – The board discussed the phone request of Chris Nash. He inquired about his recertification after being lapsed for over five years. The Board discussed. R. Wolowicz motioned and D. Johnson seconded that due to the number of years involved that the individual should take the exam again. Motion was approved.

C. Maryland legislation – D. Johnson reported on Maryland's just passing landmark legislation of No-Net-Loss.

D. Other – S. Chisholm reported that DOH reached out to him to say that they are looking for assistance with their FACE program investigations. J. Greipp stated that he noticed another tree care company listed as licensed. B. Emons mentioned that municipalities just don't know what to plant under the wires.

General Public Comments: None

Closed Session: None

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013.

D. Johnson move to adjourn and R. Wolowicz seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.