

## **Board of Tree Experts Minutes**

**April 27, 2021**

The Board of Tree Experts met on this date at the New Jersey Board Tree Experts Office, 101 West Veterans Highway, Jackson, NJ 08527

### **Those Present were:**

G. Lovallo

J. Greipp

### **By Telephone**

S. Chisholm, Sr., President

B. Emens

K. Downes

R. Wolowicz

P. Zipse

M. Goggin

### **Attending by Telephone**

Michael Schuit, DAG

Candice McLaughlin DAG

### **Staff**

Michael D'Errico, Program Manager

Patty Aufiero, Recording Secretary **(by phone)**

Arlene Dietz, Administrative Assistant

Zamayra Rivera, Administrative Assistant

### **Meeting called to order at 9:34 am**

- I. **Open Public Meeting Act:** Read by M. D'Errico, signed by G. Lovallo for President S. Chisholm and J. Greipp for Vice-President R. Wolowicz
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve Agenda by G. Lovallo, seconded by J. Greipp. Motion passed.
- III. **Dealing with Covid:**
  - a. March meeting was cancelled due to some staff coming down with COVID-19. All have recovered and are back in the office.
- IV. **Minutes from February 16, 2021:** To be review at the May 18, 2021 meeting.

**V. Certification of Exams - Class of March/April 2021:**

A. Motion to certify LTCO examination grades for March/April 2021 and read into the minutes, by J. Greipp, seconded by B. Emens. Motion passed.

LTCO

Eulalio Chavez	Hackensack NJ
Juan Herrera	Hamilton NJ
Giraldo Ramirez	Ewing NJ
Norman Florentino	Edgewater Park NJ
Arlen Villovar	Hillsdale NJ
Cesar Gonzalez	Hamilton NJ
Jhonny Quiros	Flanders NJ
Ronny Delgado	Westwood NJ
Francis Castro	Plainfield NJ
Jeffrey Flank	Easton PA
Jhonny Porras	Wharton NJ
Sandra Porras	Wharton NJ
Mario Lorzana	Princeton NJ
Richard Oberlander	Allentown NJ
Paul Chupashko	Williamstown NJ
Tyler Boyd	Milford NJ
Bryan Austin	Bridgeton NJ
Glen Gabel	New York NY
Luis Calle	West Orange NJ
Pedro Mejia	Trenton NJ
Andres Hidalgo	Hillsborough NJ
Enrique Garcia	Marlton NJ
Sergio Romero	Plainfield NJ
Jose Cruz Badilla	Pompton Lakes NJ
Jose Aldana	Plainfield NJ
Cristian Lopez	Burlington NJ
Daniel Almonte Amado	Elizabeth NJ
Jorge Mizhirumbay	Nanuet NY
J. Jesus Benitez Chavez	Lodi NJ
Jose Mora	Little Falls NJ
Arnulfo Gonzalez	Bergenfield NJ
Evencio Soriano	Lakewood NJ
Nicola Pavese	Edison NJ

**VI. Review of Applications and Approval**

1. Business Registrations. Motion to approve 13 Business Registrations by S. Chisholm, seconded by P. Zipse. Motion passed

Red Maple Tree Services	Waldwick NJ
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Lima Services LLC	Lebanon NJ
Elboni Tree Services	Pennsauken NJ
AP Landscaping & Tree Service	Glen Rock NJ
Raptors Landscaping	Lakewood NJ
Crown Tree Service & Stump Grinding Inc	Franklin Park NJ
El Toro Landscaping and Tree Service	Dover NJ
MC General Works & Landscaping Inc	Pompton Lakes NJ
Gramajo tree & Lawn Care	Budd Lake NJ
Sunny Garden Lawn Care Services LLC	Princeton NJ
Energy Tree Services LLC	Egg Harbor City NJ
Larick's Complete Tree Services LLC	Cape May NJ
Vallata Landscape and Tree Service Inc	Edison NJ

2. LTCO Reciprocity

Motion to approve two LTCO Reciprocity Applications by J. Greipp, seconded by P. Zipse. One nay for Jason Pasko by G. Lovallo. Motion passed.

John Pasko  
William Logan

Great Meadow NY  
Brooklyn NY

**VII. Administrative Report and Correspondence**

- a. Administrative Assistant position: Original hire J. Joseph who, after one week, decided she would not take the position. We interviewed other candidates and Linda Herrera was hired and has been with us for approximately 1 month. She will be responsible for walk-ins with applications and renewals, as well as other office tasks.
- b. Conference call with NY Chapter of ISA. They have interest in getting a law in New York and had some questions about the process. Other states that have shown interest are Kentucky, Georgia, and Florida.

**VIII. Treasurer's Summary Report: Presented to the Board, subject to audit. Available for review upon request.**

**1. Board of Tree Experts Asset Balance**

Checking Account Balance.....	\$6,236.52
NJCFS Account Balance.....	\$31,243.85
Asset Balance as of April 27,2021.....	\$37,480.37

**A. Summary Since Last Treasurer's Report – Checking Account**

Expenditures:	\$2,993.57*
Revenue:	\$ 00.00
Checking Account Balance.....	\$6,236.52

**B. Summary: Since Last Treasurer's Report – NJCFS Account**

Expenditures: \$ 67,973.89\*  
Revenue: \$ 31,598.88\*  
NJCFS Account Balance.....\$31,243.85

**IX. General Public Comment (3 minutes/person):** No Public in Attendance

**X. Closed Session - Compliance and Enforcement:**

Motion to go into closed session by B. Emens, seconded by J. Greipp, motion Passed 10:05 am.

Motion to come out of Closed Session by B. Emens, seconded by J. Greipp. Motion passed at 11:40 am.

**XI. Old Business**

A. Business 60-day notice of No License-Suspension:

April 12, 2021 was the deadline for the companies to name a licensee. One third of companies notified did not respond and are now suspended. The Board was provided a list of those Businesses suspended.

B. Database Update:

The Board was provided with two state maps showing Registered Businesses by County and Licenses by County. These maps are part of the Board access files on the Database.

Staff is working with the Database contractor to make the Database accessible for Compliance Inspectors and the Board. The Covid -19 issue at the Board's office has slowed the process down and delayed implementation.

C. Other: None

**XII. New Business**

A. Compliance with Law/Rules – Update with Numbers:

There were 175 businesses under review, now there are 140 after new Staff person, L. Herrera was given the assignment to follow up with each Business

B. Notice of Violation/NVOS update numbers

Monthly update on NOV/NVOS is not available

C. Compliance Inspector Report:  
Dean Marzocca will be working full time for Prestige Home Landscaping a Monster Tree franchise in Bergen County. This reduces our Inspectors to 3. We will be adding a new Inspector, J. Tandul of Linden, New Jersey. Letter have been sent to Police Organizations to recruit retirees. To fill the gaps in compliance, G. Lovallo is recommending that Board members who do not have an operating Tree Care Business be permitted to do inspections as per the Law. Information and evidence found during these “inspections” will be sent to the Board Office and Staff will issue the NOV.

D. Other:

**1. Approval of Issuing the Following AONOCAPA**

- a. Timber Zone - Motion by J. Greipp to approve AONOCAPA based on evidence presented in executive session, seconded by S. Chisholm. Motion passed.
- b. Final Touch - Motion by J. Greipp to approve AONOCAPA based on evidence presented in executive session, seconded by S. Chisholm. Motion passed.
- c. My Tree Boyz - Motion by J. Greipp, to approve AONOCAPA based on evidence presented in executive session, seconded by S. Chisholm. Motion passed.
- d. AT Landscaping - Motion by J. Greipp, to approve AONOCAPA based on evidence presented in executive session, seconded by S. Chisholm. Motion passed.
- e. JV Strong Tree – Motion by J. Greipp, approve AONOCAPA, based on evidence presented in executive session, seconded by S. Chisholm. Motion passed.

**XIII. General Public Comments (3 minutes/person):** No Public in Attendance

**XIV. Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn meeting by K. Downes, seconded by M. Goggin. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.