

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:

Stephen Chisholm, Sr. President	Jennifer Dalia, DAG
Richard Wolowicz, Vice President	Joseph Greipp
David Johnson, Treasurer	Gary Lovallo
Michael D'Errico, Program Coordinator	Kevin Downes
Mark Goggin	

The open public meetings act was read by David Johnson. R. Wolowicz made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2012 meeting with the correction of the meeting adjournment which should be 11:05 am. M. Goggin seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report:

Dave Johnson reported:

Balance 7/01/12 = \$	9,103.59 (FY2013)
Disbursements = \$	10,589.90
Receipts = \$	<u>14,809.00</u>
Checking Account balance = \$	13,322.69
USFS Grant = \$	5,000.00
Asset Balance 02/19/13 = \$	18,322.69

R. Wolowicz moved to accept the Treasurer's report with M. Goggin seconding the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Correspondence:

- John Perry submitted a letter of resignation as Program Manager for the Board
- Maureen Campbell of Leonardo NJ wrote to get clarification concerning her recent taking of the CTE Exam
- The Society of Certified Tree Experts provided a copy of their Prep-course registration and dates.

Administrative Report:

M. D'Errico reported that he is becoming familiar with the CTE office and the list that J. Perry developed for him for office duties.

General Public Comments:

Malcolm McBurney of Ramsey, CTE #566 asked several questions of the Board concerning plant health care and business registration as it related to his business or just as a tree expert. The board discussed.

Old Business:

A. Web Site – D. Johnson reported that the web site now has the Board minutes, the public meeting schedule, the annual finance report, current CTE program rules and the code of ethics posted. Periodic additions will follow. D. Johnson will also give M. D’Errico CTE’s to add to the web-site. The website can be found at: www.njtreeexperts.com/org.

B. 2013 Annual Meeting calendar - D. Johnson handed out the 2013 public notice of board meetings.

C. Reinstatement Request - D. Johnson provided M. D’Errico with a follow up email from J. Bischoff asking to be reinstated. The Board was reminded of their previous action on this request.

D. Other - Board members were asked to update their information on a board listing.

New Business:

A. A3654 - The Board discussed A3654, a proposed bill that would require the power utilities to meet annually with each municipality to develop a vegetative management plan

B. Proposed Distribution Line Easement Legislation - The BPU met with Forestry to discuss the proposed distribution line easement legislation, which would expand easements to permit removal of any tree that can impact the power lines.

C. William Porter Memorial Tree Planting - The William Porter memorial tree planting was discussed. It is scheduled for May 11, 2013 at Blake hall on the Rutgers Campus. The Shade Tree Federation is looking for donations for a tree and bench.

D. Legislative Support for Rules - K. Downes reported on legislative support for the LTE/LTCO rules. K. Downes and Bill Comery met with Senator Sarlo. The board discussed, noting that the Board only seeks the “go ahead” on the rules and the push on getting the rules going is based on recent hurricane sandy issues, consumer protection and fraud, storm related safety for workers, recent deaths within the industry and that the legislation is comprehensive, thereby needing limited rule making. M. Goggin stated he can assist with the Governor.

S. Chisholm reported that a letter was developed supporting the moving ahead on the rules by several Assembly persons including Wagner, Gibbons, Dancer and Prieto as well as several Senators including Gordon, Beck and Singer..

- E. Honor Tree Service - D. Johnson will follow up with a letter to Honor Tree Service concerning false advertising, by listing that they are licensed
- F. Other – The Board was requested by the Society of CTE to meet to discuss the changes in the exam so that the prep-courses are delivered adequately. G. Lovallo will reach out to the society and D. Johnson will prepare a list.

General Public Comments: None

Closed Session: None

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2013.

R. Wolowicz move to adjourn and D. Johnson seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.