

Reading Shade Tree Commission Meeting
May 2, 2011

Present: K Zeiber, D Ruyak, D Moodhart, J Slifko, R Reimer, F Denbowski

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM.

K Zeiber issued permits for four tree removals last month.

Frank Denbowski, mayor's chief of staff, attended the meeting to inform us that the RSTC will be receiving \$248,000 per year as its share, 1/10 mil of property tax, which will be put into a separate account to be used only by the RSTC. This tax was levied over two years ago but the revenue was never specifically allocated for the use of the RSTC. Both short and long range plans for the annual use of this money are being prepared.

The fact that the commission presently has only four members was discussed and since the Shade Tree Ordinance specifies that the commission shall have from three to seven members it was agreed to set the present maximum number of members to five.

A grant of \$17,500 has been received from Tree Vitalize for the present program.

For Arbor Day a tree was planted in Heritage Park and Reading received the Tree City USA award for the 26th year.

In celebration of Earth Day, ten trees were planted in City Park with the help of students from the Citadel as part of the Tree Vitalize program.

Meeting Adjourned.

R Reimer, vice/chair