GRETNA TREE BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING APRIL 12, 2016

GRETNA LIBRARY

ATTENDING: JIM KEEPERS, MARTHA WHITE, JOHN WOLKEN, RON SAWYER, SHARON KAUSS, MIKE KAUSS MISSY RAGATZ

VISITING: DOROTHY HOW

CITY REPS: GREG DAHLHEIM AND TRAVIS BETTENHAUSEN

CALL TO ORDER AT 7:04 PM

AGENDA AS DISTRIBUTED

APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING. No changes. All approved.

GRETNA COUNCIL: Ordinance for 1, 2 and 3 year term discussed. No action.

BUSINESS FAIR: Went well, very good attendance and 75 Bookmarks given out for Tree Talk.

TREE CITY USA: Missy and Jim attended – Lincoln. 2015 – 29th yearly award. 2015 – 19th yearly growth Award. (1 of 6 awards in state)

One new sign was received for Highway 370 (large one)

"Future Generation Award" was given to Gretna Arbor Society "for enhancing sustainability for OUR Community to grow" (First ever award from the Nebraska Forest Service for City).

Gretna was "spotlighted".

POSTER CONTEST: Preceding the meeting the Arbor Society met to select the winning 5th grade posters 1, 2 and 3, then overall winner. Thomas on the 28th for winner presentation.

Palisades will get tree books for the "other" elementary schools and libraries.

TREE TALK: April 30th at Thomas. All ready to go, be there at 6:30 AM. Suggested we do not have coffee Just juice and lemonade. Will do that. Speakers are ready.

NRD GRANT: What Saturday in May in available to plant? Trees ordered from Great Plains Nursery. 9:00 AM on May 14tth decided.

Tree Giveaway September 24th. Trees and shrubs will be given again. 150 were given last year. Plan to do the same this year. Mike to get OK from school to use park'g lot. Great Plains field day August 5
Adjourn at 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted, Mike Kauss, secretary

Next meeting May 10th 2016