

Gretna Arbor Society
Tree Board
Meeting Minutes for October 11, 2016
Gretna Library

In Attendance: Jim Keepers, Dave Kovar, Ron Sawyer, John Wolken
City Council Representative: Greg Dahlheim

Call to Order at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of September 13th Meeting, No corrections

As of the date of this meeting, we have been reimbursed \$137 for tree planting pots that have been returned to the vendor. We will continue to collect and return the empty pots.

The Tree Planting Workshop and Tree Giveaway of September 24 was attended by 60 local residents. We gave away all of the trees and shrubs, and 150 bags of mulch. Members heard many positive comments from citizens who were present that morning.

We will present an Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) workshop at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 26th at the Gretna Elementary School. Missy has prepared a poster that will be distributed locally. Jim will have calendars that have information on EAB and trees to consider as suitable replacements. We will also have brochures to hand out from the University of Nebraska Extension office.

Discussion was held regarding an EAB plan for the city of Gretna. There are options such as treatment, removal and replacement.

New tree plantings in Gretna parks will need deep watering soon to prepare them for the winter months. Ron and Dave have graciously offered to oversee and complete this task.

Discussion of a date for the upcoming 12th annual Gretna Tree Talk was held. We will consider three Saturdays in April, 2017: the 1st, 8th or 15th of the month. Tabled a decision for now.

Missy has offered to help with the Arbor Day Poster Contest for 2017 with the awards night scheduled for Thursday, April 27th, 2017.

There is an upcoming event, the Great Plains Winter Conference, January 24th and 25th at Omaha Ramada Inn. Details forthcoming from the NAA and NNLA.

New Business; the city would like to plant more trees at several area parks. Jim will look into details.

ADJOURNED AY 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by John Wolken

Next meeting November 8, 2016