

Gretna Arbor Society  
Tuesday, January 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Board Members: Dave Kovar, Ron Sawyer, Jim Keepers, Carrol Murray, Jerry Imig, John Wolken.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Jim Keepers. Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

We had a modest turnout for the lunch in December at Billy's Cafe

Jim has submitted the application for the Tree City USA awards including the growth award.

The annual Great Plains Conference held by the Nebraska Arborists Association and the Nebraska Nursery and Landscape Association will be held in York, NE on Wednesday and Thursday, January 23/24.

Evergreens in Leo Royal Park have been trimmed, and dead ones removed by the city staff.

The grant application to the Papio NRD has not been received yet, Jim will complete as soon as it is available. We have several ideas for areas that need trees.

An Ash tree at the Gretna Children's Library (downtown) will be removed, the condition of this tree does not justify the cost of treatment for Emerald Ash Borer. A mature ash tree in Leo Royal Park will be treated for E.A.B. as it is a fine specimen.

Contact was made with the Nebraska Department of Roads regarding placement of the Tree City USA sign on Highway 370 on the east edge of Gretna. The signs are typically placed with the city sign that states the population of the community.

Poster Contest flyer "Plant Flowering Trees for Beautiful Spring Color" is out, the posters will be due Tuesday, April 9, Awards ceremony will be Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. All Gretna area 5<sup>th</sup> graders are eligible.

The Grandest Tree contest for 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be coordinated by Carrol and Jerry, plan to have each grade select a tree and prepare a presentation; one tree per school. Coordinate with the Art and Science teachers in the schools.

The date for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Gretna Tree Talk is April 13<sup>th</sup>, with registration beginning at 7:45 a.m. Inquiries to recruit presenters are underway. We will arrive at 6:30 to set up beverages and the A/V display.

Arbor Day program is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>, at Thomas Elementary school at 2:00 p.m.  
Gretna Business Fair, Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Annual Tree Giveaway Saturday, September TBD.

Bills presented, NSA membership, \$100; Gretna Chamber of Commerce, \$75; Valas, \$10 for a gift.

We do not yet have any new members recruited, all are asked to contact interested individuals.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Next meeting February 12, 2019  
Respectfully, John Wolken, Secretary. February 6, 2019.