

Gretna Arbor Society
Tuesday, February 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Gretna City Council Member Bill Proctor, Board Members: Dave Kovar, Ron Sawyer, Jim Keepers, Missy Ragatz, John Wolken.

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Jim Keepers. Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Selection of Officers, Jim Keepers will continue as Chair, John Wolken as Secretary.

Bill Proctor was introduced as our City Council Representative.

The annual Great Plains Conference held by the Nebraska Arborists Association and the Nebraska Nursery and Landscape Association was held in York, NE in January, Jim Keepers attended. The conference will be in Lincoln in 2020.

The Grandest Tree contest will be held in the Fall of 2019.

The Gretna Life Community Expo and Health Fair (formerly the Business Fair) will be March 16th. We have Booth #18; Jim will set up at 8:00, hours of the Expo are 9:00 until 1:00 p.m. Jim has tickets for the pancake man for members assisting.

Paper for the poster contest was delivered to the five elementary schools. 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 25th at Thomas Elementary. We will judge the posters a week ahead of the program.

Evergreens in Leo Royal Park; removal continues. The ash tree at the Children's Library will be removed in early March (weather permitting)

Jim submitted the grant proposal for the NRD funding. We will plan plantings in Leo Royal and Founders Parks if the funding is awarded.

The Tree City USA sign to be located along NE 370 has not yet been located.

The 14th annual Gretna Tree Talk, Saturday, April 13th at Thomas Elementary. Eric Berg and Justin Evertson will be guest speakers along with a state forester from western Nebraska. Registration will begin at 7:45 a.m. with board members arriving at 6:30 to set up.

Arbor Day program is scheduled for April 26th, at Thomas Elementary school at 2:00 p.m.

Annual Tree Giveaway Saturday, September 7.

Bills presented, expo; \$106.00

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 March 12, 2019
Respectfully, John Wolken, Secretary. March 3, 2019.