

Gretna Arbor Society
Tuesday, April 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Gretna City Council Representative Bill Proctor, Board Members: Dave Kovar, Ron Sawyer, Jim Keepers, Missy Ragatz, Jerry Imig, John Wolken. Guest Ianne Wolken
Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Jim Keepers. Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Discussion on plans for Fields of Gretna; Funding will be required for much of the proposed work including grading and development of recreation facilities.

For the upcoming 14th Annual Gretna Tree Talk, we will have copies of the USDA Tree Disease book, 10 Garden Journals and other door prizes for attendees. Members are asked to arrive at 6:30 for setup of the room and snacks. We will use the school video system for visual presentations.

Poster Contest Awards will be at 7:00 p.m. at Thomas Elementary, April 25th. There will be three winners selected from each elementary school with prizes (Gift Cards) of \$20 1st; \$15 2nd; \$10 3rd and one additional Grand Prize winner selected for \$25. We will use the video system at the school to display the posters and winner's names.

Arbor Day Celebration at Gretna, Friday, April 26th at 2:15. Mayor Timmerman will be there to present a Proclamation for Arbor Day. (Poem Competition)

An Ash tree at the Children's Library has been removed, there are still trees to be removed at Leo Royal Park.

Grant funding from the NRD of \$2500 was awarded. We will plan tree planting at Founders Park also possibly at Leo Royal.

Tree Giveaway scheduled for September 7th. Gretna Middle school parking lot.

The Gretna Arbor Society is still looking to add a member to the board. Any volunteers will be welcomed.

There will not be a Tree City USA program this year due to flood recovery in affected communities. The Gretna Arbor Society was notified we received the Tree City USA Award and the Growth Award.

Reminder to members, keep track of volunteer hours beginning on October 1 through September 30.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Next meeting May 15, 2019
Respectfully, John Wolken, Secretary. May 8, 2019