

Gretna Arbor Society
Tuesday, May 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Board Members: Ron Sawyer, Missy Ragatz, Dave Kovar, Jim Keepers, Carrol Murray, Jerry Imig, John Wolken; Gretna City Council Member Bill Proctor.
Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Jim Keepers. Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

The attendance at this year's Annual Tree talk was 40; down from previous years. We discussed the possibility of changing the date to an earlier part of the year, maybe during March.

The Poster Contest Awards went very well, with strong attendance this year for the winners. The Gretna Guide published color photos of the winners and their posters.

The Arbor Day program on April 26th was a success, with Mayor Timmerman attending and presenting an award to retiring Gretna Schools Superintendent Dr. Kevin Riley.
On Saturday, May 18th, members of the Board planted a Relict Oak at Dr. Riley's residence in Gretna to honor him for his service to the community and support of Arbor Day.

The city crews are using mulch from a tree that was removed at the Children's Library for trees in Founders Park.

On May 25th, trees acquired through the NRD grant will be planted at Founders Park. The city will have holes dug prior to the date. Volunteers will be encouraged to help with the planting. The trees will arrive at 8:00 that morning and we will start planting at 9:00.

Founders Park was named 12 years ago, and we are seeking any members of the 4th Grade class that participated in the name contest.

Tree Giveaway is scheduled for September 7th at Gretna Middle School.

Bills presented included Tree Talk supplies, Gift Cards for contest winners (poster and poem) and the trees purchased for Founders Park, (\$2500 will be reimbursed to the city after planting is completed)
Total of \$2891.72.

The Annual Summer Field, sponsored by the Nebraska Arborists Association, will be August 9th at Camp Carol Joy Holling near Ashland.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40p.m. Next meeting June 11, 2019

Respectfully, John Wolken, Secretary. June 6, 2019.