

Gretna Arbor Society
Tuesday, August 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Board Members: Missy Ragatz, Dave Kovar, Jim Keepers, Jerry Imig, Amy Nakai, John Wolken, Marshal Jaros, Ron Sawyer. Gretna City Council Representative Angie Lauritsen
Guest Seth Hensel, Eagle Scout Candidate

Meeting was held in Peterson Park, outdoors, with social distancing observed.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Jim Keepers. Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

The GretnaLife Community Expo was canceled. We have inquired about a refund of the fee. No update available since last meeting.

The poster contest for 5th graders was canceled with the closure of classes at Gretna Schools. Jim will go ahead and purchase the gift cards to use next year. No plans for this fall as school schedule is uncertain.

Arbor Day 2020, we will observe this at the September tree giveaway.

NRD grant, to plant trees at Leo Royal Park. Grant funds were received, \$2500. Jim staked the trees and we have bags for watering at each new tree.

Tree Giveaway will be September 12th. John will coordinate with GPS on use of the middle school parking lot. We will have a “drive through” event to maintain social distancing requirements. We will have 80 trees, tree guards and mulch to provide.

The grant request from the NSA (Nebraska Statewide Arboretum) to use for 10 trees has been accepted and trees will be planted last two weeks of September on the west side of Leo Royal Park.

Any unused budget funds for this fiscal year we may use to purchase additional trees.

Seth Hensel presented a preliminary proposal for a tree planting project as part of his Eagle Scout for Troop #463. He will work with Jim K. to refine the project.

We learned the Nebraska Arborists Association will likely cancel the annual winter conference due to the public health situation.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:51 p.m. Next meeting September 09, 2020 Location Peterson Park

Respectfully, John Wolken, Secretary. September 8, 2020.