

Gretna Arbor Society  
Tuesday, February 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Jim Keepers, Ron Sawyer, Amy Nakai, Missy Ragatz, Jerry Imig, Dave Kovar, John Wolken, Marshal Jaros.

Meeting was held in Gretna Main Public Library Conference room.

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Jim Keepers. Minutes of January 8, 2022 meeting were approved.

Members who attended the Great Plains Conference in Lincoln reported there were good speakers and presentations.

The Summer Field Day will be August 12<sup>th</sup> at Carol Joy Holling conference center near Ashland.

The Poster Contest awards presentation is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at Thomas Elementary. We will judge the poster submissions on April 12<sup>th</sup> prior to our scheduled meeting.

Amy has submitted the application for the NRD tree grant. The NRD will rank the applications as part of the process. We hope to plant 17 to 20 trees at Leo Royal Park if the grant is received. The planting date would be tentatively set as April 30.

The Annual Tree Talk will be Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at Thomas Elementary. Missy has completed the flyer; Jim will contact newspapers. Jerry will take donated food the Gretna Food Pantry.

Gretna Business Fair is scheduled for May 21, downtown. We plan to have a booth using a canopy provided by Amy.

Arbor Day Celebration for April 29, 2022 will be at the new Harvest Hills Elementary School at 192<sup>nd</sup> and Schram Road.

Makovicka Physical Therapy wants to work on planting trees, planning is underway no details yet.

Jim has contacted Paula with the City and will work with designers on the Gretna Crossing Park.

We discussed the Tree Giveaway for late summer and the quantity of trees we plan to offer. The tentative date is September 24.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:54 p.m. Next meeting March 8, 2022

Respectfully, John Wolken, Secretary. March 2, 2022