

Gretna Arbor Society  
Tuesday, March 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Jim Keepers, Jerry Imig, Dave Kovar, John Wolken, Marshall Jaros.  
Guest Dan Hansen, local resident.

Meeting was held in Gretna Main Public Library Conference room.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Jim Keepers. Minutes of February 8, 2022 meeting were approved.

A recap of the March 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Gretna Tree Talk, there were more than 90 individuals in attendance. We heard a great deal of praise for the event and the speakers. The food and door prizes were appreciated by all. There were minor issues with the borrowed AV equipment that we can improve in future presentations. A large amount of food was donated by attendees, Jerry delivered this to the Gretna Food Bank.

We will judge the poster submissions at 6:00 on April 12<sup>th</sup> prior to our scheduled meeting. The Poster Contest awards presentation is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at Thomas Elementary. We have 7 sponsors: one for each Elementary School in the district.

Arbor Day Celebration for April 29, 2022 will be at the new Harvest Hills Elementary School at 192<sup>nd</sup> and Schram Road. The librarian at Harvest Hills will assist in selecting books for presentation.

We will plant trees on April 30<sup>th</sup> at Leo Royal Park. The NRD has a ranking system for the applications this year and we hope to hear soon that the grant has been awarded.

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

We plan to participate in the Gretna Business Fair this spring downtown, date has not been confirmed as of today.

The city will ask the board to review the tree planting for the Gretna Crossing Park as details are developed.

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

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

We discussed having Gretna Arbor Society Emeritus status extended to two individuals who were long time members and contributed significantly to the city.

Jim will check the 5-year plan and possible update or review of the plan.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:52 p.m. Next meeting April 12, 2022

Respectfully, John Wolken, Secretary. March 30, 2022

