

Gretna Arbor Society
Tuesday, June 14, 2022, Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Jim Keepers, Angie Lauritsen, Amy Nakai, Missy Ragatz, Jerry Imig, Dave Kovar, Marshall Jaros, John Wolken.
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 May 10, 2022 meeting were approved.

Jim reported on the Gretna Business Fair and our booth. There were 78 tree giveaway cards handed out, and many NAA water bottles as well. The number of attendees were less than we hoped for so we discussed why; deciding that a lack of publicity and the outdoor location (it was very warm) may have diminished attendance.

We planted trees on April 30th at Leo Royal Park. The newly planted trees appear to be doing well. The planting was surveyed by the NRD and they issued the funds to reimburse the cost of the trees.

Due to member's schedule conflicts, we will not enter a float in the Gretna Days Parade this year.

The NAA Great Plains Summer Field days will be August 11 and 12 at Carol Joy Holling camp near Ashland. We discussed how many members are interested in attending.

Jim is investigating applying for 10 free trees for fall planting through the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum.

Discussed planting on city property at 204th and Angus, south of the park. We will hold off as we do not currently know the city's plan for the site.

No date yet for NFS/Tree City USA awards programs. We expect it to be in September. We discussed inviting poster contest award winners to the awards-a consideration would be the date and location.

We decided to purchase a vinyl printed banner for the September Tree Giveaway. Discussion held on the size and quantity of trees to purchase, as well as the cost of mulch and tree guards. We have agreed to plan on purchasing 200 trees this year and to take advantage of an offer from the nursery to have first pick of trees on their fall list.

Jim will review the status of plantings in Founder's Park.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 p.m. Next meeting July 12, 2022

Respectfully, John Wolken, Secretary. July 7, 2022