

Gretna Arbor Society
Tuesday, August 9, 2022, Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Jim Keepers, Angie Lauritsen, Amy Nakai, Missy Ragatz, Jerry Imig, Dave Kovar, Marshall Jaros, John Wolken.

Guests: Lauren Liebentritt, Gretna City Council Representative, Dan Hansen; local resident.

Meeting was held in Gretna Main Public Library Conference room.

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Jim Keepers. Minutes of July 12, 2022 meeting were approved.

Jim, Amy, Missy and Jerry are planning to attend the Nebraska Great Plains Summer Field Day, presented by the Nebraska Arborists Association at Carol Joy Holling Conference Center near Ashland on August 12.

Discussion held on banners or signs for our use at public functions. Specific sizes and costs were presented by Missy. We will purchase this fall for the next fiscal year budget.

Jim presented the agenda for the Landscaping and Tree Workshop scheduled for October 18th at Central Community College in Hastings.

Jim's application for 10 free trees for fall planting through the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum was accepted. We will plan to plant them in Lincoln Place Park as numerous trees there have been removed or did not survive.

Tree City USA awards programs will be Friday, September 23 in Norfolk. Jim will plan to attend and display the winning posters from the 5th grade poster contest this year. Others wishing to go can let Jim know and he will complete the paperwork.

We discussed the Nebraska Trees for Nebraska Towns program and will inquire if the City has a Grant Writer to assist.

Ash trees at the entrance to the Devonshire neighborhood have been trimmed, they will be replaced in the future.

Discussion on tree planting at Gretna Crossing Park held regarding planting and warranty. No new information regarding a crosswalk between Leo Royal Park and the new subdivision to the north.

Discussed budget, we decided to use remaining funds to purchase additional trees for parks planting this fall. There is a hazard tree on Angus St. owners have been notified.

Members are reminded to have their (annual) hours reported by the end of September.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Next meeting September 13, 2022

Respectfully, John Wolken, Secretary. September 7, 2022