

Gretna Arbor Society  
Tuesday, February 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Board Members: Missy Ragatz, Angie Lauritsen, Dave Kovar, Jim Keepers, Jerry Imig, Amy Nakai, John Wolken, Marshall Jaros, Gretna City Council Representative Logan Herring

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

Our new City Council Representative, Logan Herring, was introduced, welcome!

Ron Sawyer has accepted the designation of Emeritus Member. We will present him with a gift card and have an honor day for him this spring.

We welcome as a new member Angie Lauritsen, her membership was approved by the Mayor. Also, Missy Ragatz has been officially “reinstated” as a member.

For the Arbor Day/poster contest, we added a sponsor for the Falling Waters Elementary, Makovicka Physical Therapy has agreed to contribute. All schools are now sponsored. Arbor Day celebrations in individual schools will be at the discretion of each school. We will assist with a poetry contest for any school that wishes to participate. Winning posters will be displayed by the sponsors at their local business.

Tree City USA this year will be held as a virtual online event on February 10, 17, 24. The NRD Grant application has been submitted, we have asked for \$2000

A Grandest Tree contest is currently on hold.

Jim, Amy and Missy will be participating in committees involved with the Gretna Crossing Park planning.

The Gretna Tree Talk, usually held in early spring, is pending due to pandemic issues.

Discussion was held regarding the Tree Giveaway around logistics, quantity of trees, location of event.

Discussion on having a bare root tree giveaway in the spring; we decided not to proceed due to the amount of work to handle and care for the trees before they could be dispersed.

Jim is still working on the Tree City USA sign on highway 370.

Expenses included \$60 for a tree rebate, \$100 for membership in Nebraska Statewide Arboretum and a gift card for Ron.

Dave Kovar read a statement concluding with his resignation.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:47 p.m. Next meeting March 9, 2021

Respectfully, John Wolken, Secretary. March 2, 2021.