

Gretna Arbor Society
Tuesday, March 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Board Members: Angie Lauritzen, Dave Kovar, Jim Keepers, Jerry Imig, Amy Nakai, John Wolken, Marshall Jaros

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Jim Keepers. Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

The Gretna City Council officially approved renewal of Missy Ragatz as a board member. Dave Kovar is remaining on the board, thanks Dave and Jim.

We are waiting for official news on the Arbor Day Foundation Tree City USA awards.

The Poster Contest Judging will be held on the evening of the April meeting, prior to the regular meeting start. The Arbor Day Celebration is pending public meeting restrictions.

No new applications for the Tree Rebate, Jim will send a story to local newspapers to encourage citizens to apply.

We should have news regarding the NRD grant by the end of March.

We held discussion on planning for Gretna Crossing Park status, no news regarding tree planting at this time.

We are waiting on designating a date for the Annual Tree Talk, will decide whether to move forward in the near future and would have the event before the end of September.

We reviewed plans for the Tree Giveaway regarding number of trees and size of the trees. The process of distributing them was also discussed-we decided to table to future meetings to accommodate any health measures that may still be in effect in September. It is likely we will return to handing out numbered slips of paper to individuals as we did in the past. There are two Husker road games on the 18th and 25th of September.

Jim is still working on the Tree City USA sign on highway 370, Jim as talked to a 4th individual at NDR.

The Nebraska Arborist Association will hold the Summer Field Day in August near Ashland.

Gretna Days 2021 will be the last weekend of July to Sunday, August 1.

We discussed the new categories for the Tree City USA awards and Growth Awards point system.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:54 p.m. Next meeting April 13, 2021

Respectfully, John Wolken, Secretary. April 7, 2021.