

Gretna Arbor Society
Tuesday, May 10, 2022, Meeting Minutes

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

Guests, City Council Member Lauren Liebenritt, Dan Hansen, local resident.

Meeting was held in Gretna Main Public Library Conference room.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Jim Keepers. Minutes of April 12, 2022 meeting were approved.

New City Council Member Lauren Liebenritt was introduced to the group. She discussed the status of the Park Board, saying they are looking for a new chair.

Missy attended the Earth Day event in April, she reported many booths, windy weather and good information for all.

Arbor Day Celebration was held on April 29, 2022, at the new Harvest Hills Elementary School at 192nd and Schram Road. Mayor Mike Evans read the Arbor Day Proclamation. There was a large attendance as it appeared all students and staff were there. We planted the Lefler oak afterwards and had good coverage from the local papers.

We planted trees on April 30th at Leo Royal Park. Volunteers included members of three companies as well as other local individuals.

We plan to participate in the Gretna Business Fair on June 11. We will have a single booth, Amy has volunteered a canopy. Set up will begin at 8:00 a.m.

We had an extensive discussion on the tree planting plans for the Gretna Crossing Park. We will continue at subsequent meetings.

John will host the building of a float for Gretna Days Parade at the end of July.

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

The Tree Giveaway date is September 24.

No date yet for NFS/Tree City USA awards programs.

The new T-shirts were distributed to members.

We would like to develop a mission statement for the Gretna Arbor Society, and print info cards to hand out at events.

Meeting Adjourned early at 8:10 p.m. Next meeting June 14, 2022

Respectfully, John Wolken, Secretary. June 9, 2022

