Gretna Arbor Society
Tuesday, May 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Board Members: Missy Ragatz, Jim Keepers, Amy Nakai, Angie Lauritsen, Dave Kovar, John Wolken, Marshal Jaros

Meeting was held in Gretna City Hall, Lower Level, with social distancing observed.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Jim Keepers. Minutes of April 13, 2021 meeting were approved.

Tree City USA Awards are scheduled for May 14th, Friday as an online conference.
John W. has registered and plans to participate.

We have not received any new applications as of today for the tree rebate program.

Date for planting trees from the NRD grant award is Friday morning, May 14th. 17 trees will be delivered to North Park by 7:30 a.m. and planting will start at 8:00 a.m.

The poster contest awards were covered in both local newspapers, the winning posters are on display at the respective sponsors. Arbor Day was observed at Falling Waters elementary school and with online Zoom conference.

Saturday, May 15th is the scheduled day for planting 5 trees in Leo Royal Park. Volunteers from Macovicka Physical Therapy will be assisting. Funds for the 5 trees are part of a credit from the nursery. Before the planting begins, we will honor our Emeritus member Ron Sawyer with a $100 gift card and the Relict Bur Oak Award certificate. Local papers are invited to cover both events beginning at 9:00 a.m.

No updates from the Parks Advisory Committees.

Annual tree giveaway is scheduled for September 25th, a Saturday morning. Specific plans for the process will be finalized considering social distancing guidelines in effect as we approach the day. Discussion was held regarding the purchase of #5 or #7 trees, #5 are smaller and less costly.

The Community Expo will not be held this year, and no updates on the road sign on Highway 370.

The Nebraska Arborist field day is in August, the annual conference will be January 17 & 18, 2022 in Lincoln.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:57 p.m. Next meeting June 8, 2021

Respectfully, John Wolken, Secretary. June 5, 2021