

Gretna Arbor Society
Tuesday, June 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Board Members: 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 7:00 p.m. by Jim Keepers. Minutes of May 11, 2021 meeting were approved.

Tree City USA Awards we held on May 14th, Friday as an online conference. John W. participated. Gretna Arbor Society received the 34th Tree City USA award and the 24th Growth Award.

The NSA, Nebraska Statewide Arboretum grant application has been submitted. We may qualify for 10 trees, size #7 from Great Plains Nursery. Planting would be in August or September, and Macovicka Physical Therapy has offered to assist in planting.

Missy's NAA Arborist School application has been submitted, hoping for a scholarship to cover much of the cost. 20% has been paid.

Arbor Day Poster Contest winning posters have been picked up from all but one of the sponsors.

No updates from the Parks Advisory Committees.

No firm plans for Gretna Days, we discussed having an arborist tree climbing demonstration.

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. If we order #7, we could purchase 100; for #5 trees, 160. Decision will be made soon to place the order. Jim will check on mulch prices as cost may have increased this year.

The Nebraska Arborist field day is on Friday August 12, the annual conference will be January 17 & 18, 2022 in Lincoln.

We look forward to returning the Annual Gretna Tree Talk in April, 2022.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:56 p.m. Next meeting July 13, 2021

Respectfully, John Wolken, Secretary. July 8, 2021