

Gretna Arbor Society  
Tuesday, July 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Board Members: Missy Ragatz, Dave Kovar, Jim Keepers, Jerry Imig, Amy Nakai, John Wolken, Marshal Jaros, Ron Sawyer

Meeting was held in Peterson Park, outdoors, with social distancing observed.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Jim Keepers. Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

No meetings were scheduled for the last several months due to public health concerns. A meeting was scheduled for June (outdoors) but was canceled due to a storm that evening.

The GretnaLife Community Expo was canceled. We have inquired about a refund of the fee.

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Gretna Tree Talk was canceled. No plans to reschedule for this year.

Tree City USA update: We were awarded the Tree City Award and the Growth Award.

The poster contest for 5<sup>th</sup> graders was canceled with the closure of classes at Gretna Schools. We may consider a fall contest and have inquired how to process the donations from local businesses.

Arbor Day 2020, Friday April 24<sup>th</sup>, we may observe this at the September tree giveaway.

The Gretna Days Parade for 2020 we did not have a parade entry this year due to changes in the parade format.

NRD grant, to plant trees at Leo Royal Park. Grant was funded; trees were ordered and planted on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Jim, Missy, Amy, Marshal and Angie Lauritsen assisted city crews with the project on the west part of Leo Royal Park.

Tree Giveaway will be September 12<sup>th</sup>. John will coordinate with GPS on use of the middle school parking lot which is currently under construction. We will discuss having a “drive through” event to maintain social distancing requirements.

Jim has submitted a grant request from the NSA (Nebraska Statewide Arboretum) to use for 10 trees in either Plum Creek or North Park.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 p.m. Next meeting August 11, 2020 Location TBD

Respectfully, John Wolken, Secretary. August 5, 2020.