

Gretna Arbor Society  
Tuesday, September 13, 2022, Meeting Minutes

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

Guests: Lauren Liebentritt, Gretna City Council Representative

Meeting was held in Gretna Main Public Library Conference room.

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Jim Keepers. Minutes of August 9, 2022 meeting were approved.

Jim, Amy, Missy and Jerry attended the Nebraska Great Plains Summer Field Day, presented by the Nebraska Arborists Association at Carol Joy Holling Conference Center near Ashland on August 12.

Tree City USA awards programs will be Friday, September 23 in Norfolk. Jim, Missy and John plan to attend and display the winning posters from the 5<sup>th</sup> grade poster contest this year.

The Free Tree Giveaway is scheduled for Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. The trees from Great Plains Nursery will arrive at 8:00, bagged mulch from Earl May at 9:00. Sign in begins at 9:30, Jim's presentation at 10:00 followed by the distribution of trees. John will set up a P.A. system, Missy will place signs at the entrance, and orange cones will be placed to help parking. The Boy Scouts will have someone to pick up the trees to be planted on the behalf of those who need help.

Jim presented the agenda for the Landscaping and Tree Workshop scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup> at Central Community College in Hastings, several members are planning to attend.

Jim's application for 10 free trees for fall planting through the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum was accepted. We are adding 12 more paid from our budget. Amy will work with Travis to mark the location of each tree and any utilities. Travis and city crews will have the holes dug prior to delivery and planting on Friday and Saturday, September 30/October 1. Mulch will be delivered, and Jim and Marshall will have hoses and a water tank.

We discussed budget details and next year's Poster Contest and Tree Talk no details to report. Banners and other items were tabled until the October meeting. We also discussed Earth Day 2023 and scheduling for arborist training next year.

Marshall sent an entry to Tree City USA nominating Amy for the Community Forestry Green Industry Award. Amy has also been nominated for a position on the board of the NAA.

Members are reminded to have their (annual) hours reported by the end of September.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Next meeting October 11, 2022

Respectfully, John Wolken, Secretary. October 6, 2022