

Gretna Arbor Society
Tuesday, October 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Board Members: Jim Keepers, Ron Sawyer (Emeritus member), Angie Lauritsen, Jerry Imig, Dave Kovar, John Wolken, Marshal Jaros. Guest; Gretna City Administrator Paula Dennison

Meeting was held in Gretna City Hall Lower Level.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Jim Keepers. Minutes of September 14, 2021 meeting were approved.

We received good feedback from citizens regarding the Tree Giveaway in September. People told us they were glad to know they would get a tree beforehand. We used minimal advertising and had very good response to the online sign-up. There is now a list of email addresses we can use in the future for event notices. It was agreed we could have more trees available in the future.

With a good turnout of volunteers from Makovicka Physical Therapy, the tree planting at Leo Royal Park went quickly. Thanks to the city crews for pre-digging the planting holes. We planted 1 each: Yellow Buckeye, Sycamore, Ironwood, Cottonless Cottonwood, Shingle Oak, and 2 each Kentucky Coffeetree, Buckley Oak and Bald Cypress. Funded by a grant from Nebraska Statewide Arboretum.

Amy volunteered to work on the NRD grant next year.

No news on the Gretna Crossing Park from Jim, but we heard that soil moving work is underway and Capehart road will be closed for rebuilding in the near future.

Gretna is now a Class A city with the approval of the annexation packages. This has increased the population and will add to our budget funds as well.

NAA 2022 Great Plains Conference will be January 17 & 18, 2022 at Embassy Suites in Lincoln. Jim attended the NAA West Field Day in Lewellyn, Nebraska.

We are planning the Gretna Tree Talk for a Saturday morning in March, 2022.

Planning for the annual Poster Contest is underway, we would like to provide the paper as in the past.

Arbor Day 2022 on April 29. We plan to celebrate at Harvest Hills Elementary.

Gretna City Administrator, Paula Dennison provided updates on projects we may have interest in.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Next meeting November 9, 2021

Respectfully, John Wolken, Secretary. November 5, 2021