

Living Sculpture Tree and Shrub Care, Inc.
5900 Zehnder Road
Sunfish Lake, Minnesota 55077

August 27, 2020

Forester's Report 8 27 2020

One burning permit was issued during August.

Checked City trees along City streets several times during the month and monitored lake outflow of both Sunfish and Horseshoe Lakes. No dumping issues on Upper 55th this month.

A tree fell onto Roanoke Road and it was removed as soon as possible after it was reported.

A report of "clear cutting" along the shoreline on the north side of Sunfish Lake was reported. Investigation discovered that substantial invasive species removal had taken place and erosion measures needed to be immediately installed. The owner cooperated with staff requests. Potential changes to City Ordinances are in development regarding invasive species removal or vegetative changes within shoreline areas in the City.

A report of roosters loose and crowing in the City was investigated and discovered to be true. The property owner was reminded that their chicken permit did not allow crowing age roosters and they are cooperating by adopting out the roosters in question.

While investigating the rooster question I discovered a trailer load of working goats entering the City. They were being dropped off at 75 Windy Hill Road for the purpose of invasive species management. Goats temporarily fenced into an area with a severe invasive species infestation is a best management practice for invasive species control, is recommended and works well. Staff is looking at how we can work with residents to accommodate this invasive species management practice within our existing ordinances.

Jim Naves
City Forester