

Old Tjikko LLC
5900 Zehnder Road
Sunfish Lake, Minnesota 55077

December 29, 2022

Forester's Report 12 29 2022

No burning permits were issued during December

A hazardous elm with a large developing split and a EAB infested ash were removed by SavATree company due to the possibility of falling onto Charlton Road – approximate address is 2030 – 2040 Charlton Road.

Checked City trees along City streets twice during the month and despite recent high winds and heavy snowfall there have been no other tree issues along City streets.

All lakes appear frozen but I urge extreme caution if anyone is wanting to access our lakes via the ice. Monitored of outflow of Sunfish, Hornbeam, and Horseshoe Lakes and no outflow was occurring from any of our three lakes.

The Tree City USA Application was filed in early December with the National Arbor Day Foundation.

The City Forester requests that Council select Saturday, May 6, 2023 as our Arbor Day for Sunfish Lake in 2023.

Met with owner at 205 Salem Church Road to confer regarding tree replacement and landscaping plan for this property. The owner showed me the home's septic drain field which is where a substantial number of the removed trees were removed. We also discussed tree species likely to do well on the north slope, tree numbers, and I recommended some kind of a natural grass and flower meadow mix for the slope due to it's steepness. Have seen an updated landscape plan the addresses these concerns.

Just a reminder. **Feeding deer is not a good thing to do, in fact it is not a legal activity.** Deer feeding tends to concentrate deer in an area that increases the likelihood of spreading chronic wasting disease. This is of special importance in Sunfish Lake since we are in a chronic wasting disease watch area.

Feeding birds, however, is a recommended activity. I am pleased to report that we have had as many as 12 cardinals or all three local woodpecker species at our bird feeders at one time.

Jim Naves
City Forester