

**Old Tjikko LLC
5900 Zehnder Road
Sunfish Lake, Minnesota 55077**

March 29, 2023

Forester's Report 3 29 2023

No burning permits were issued during March.

It's official, Sunfish Lake has now been recognized as a Tree City USA for the 33rd year.

Street weight limit signs were put up on Monday, March 13.

Checked City trees along City streets twice during the month. Even with our long snowy winter there have been no tree issues along City streets.

Monitored of outflow of Sunfish, Hornbeam, and Horseshoe Lakes and no outflow was occurring from any of our three lakes.

Five Treeways articles are up on the City website.

Requests for bids to remove 36 EAB infested ash trees and one dead aspen near City streets were sent out to three tree care companies (Birch Tree Care, SavATree, and Morgan's Tree Service). These are the same companies that provided bids last year. The responses were received and an analysis with recommendation is included with this report.

Met with property owners at 55 Windy Hill Road and 410 Salem Church Road regarding tree questions.

Reviewed landscape plan for 205 Salem Church Road.

Jim Naves
City Forester

City of Sunfish Lake

Tree Removal Bid Analysis 2023

The City of Sunfish Lake, Minnesota requested bids for removal of 37 marked trees along 60th Street, Zehnder Road, Windy Hill Court, Angell Road and Sunny Side Lane. All except one tree is an ash tree infested with emerald ash borer. The preferred time frame for completion of tree removals is spring 2023.

Requests for bids were sent to the same three tree care companies as in 2022. All three companies have the appropriate insurance in force and all have the capacity to complete the tree removals identified. All three tree care companies responded and this is the synopsis of their bids:

Birch Tree Care	\$11,628.00
Morgan' Tree Service	\$7125.00
SavATree	\$9290.00

Based on the information in hand the City Forester recommends that the City choose the lowest cost bid for these tree removals – Morgan's Tree Service for \$7125.00.

Respectfully,

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