

Old Tjikko LLC
5900 Zehnder Road
Sunfish Lake, Minnesota 55077

December 27, 2023

Forester's Report 11 30 2023

No burning permits were issued during December. Have recommended waiting till snow covers the ground before burning although DNR generally has been making permits available through much of the State.

Prepared the annual application to remain a Tree City USA as designated by the Arbor Day and sent in the completed application with the Mayor's signature on December 15. A positive response is expected in the new year.

I have had tree related discussions with owners or contractors for 389 Salem Church Road and 15 Sunnyside Lane. Held a preliminary meeting with Liz Lee to discuss City park concerns and the potential for developing an overall management plan for the three City parks (Musser, Harmon, Wahl Wetland).

The street edge buckthorn and other underbrush pruning project is well underway. As of December 27, the edges of Salem Church Road were completed and the remaining portion of the pruning project along Angell Road and a short section of Sunnyside Road is more than 50% completed.

Monitored of outflow of Sunfish, Hornbeam, and Horseshoe Lakes and no outflow was occurring from any of our three lakes. All three City lakes became open water from shore to shore during the Christmas weekend rains. Perhaps January 2024 will bring us safe ice for walking on but for the time being I suggest a canoe if you want to be one of the lakes.

Jim Naves
City Forester