

## **Municipal Director**

### **Justin Briski, Village of Schaumburg**

My name is Justin Briski and I have been employed as the forester for the Village of Schaumburg's Engineering and Public Works Department for the past 5 years. I studied forestry down in southern Illinois where I received a Bachelor of Science in Forestry. I have a diverse background in the field of arboriculture having worked extensively in both the municipal and private sectors. I started my career in the landscape industry working for a private golf course where we had to maintain a high level of service. I worked with the Alaska State Parks logging out trails in the backcountry. In addition, I worked as tree climber/spray technician in the private industry in Portland, OR. I became an ISA Certified Arborist while working out west and in 2014 I moved back to Illinois for a chance to work in the municipal sector, as well as to be closer to family. I got hired on at the Village of Mt. Prospect, where I had previously interned updating the forest inventory, and shortly after received the opportunity to work as the forester for the Village of Schaumburg. I believe I am an ideal choice for Municipal Director for many reasons. I am very familiar with many of the issues surrounding arboriculture in the Chicago-land area as well as the state as a whole. I have increased my knowledge and experience having the privilege of working with and under many great minds in the forestry industry. I am at a point in my career where I want to start giving back to the tree community. I never thought choosing a career in forestry would provide me with a job in the same town in which I grew up. I take pride in managing the urban forest of Schaumburg, and can add valuable input through sharing my successes as well as shortcomings in this position. I feel that my experience and knowledge of forestry, coupled with my willingness to listen and learn makes me an ideal candidate for the Municipal Director position.