

**From:** Greg Minikel  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2021 4:38 PM  
**To:** Dan Koski; Billy Hutterer; Scott Yindra  
**Cc:** Karen Dorow; Curtis Hall; Brock Wetenkamp; Shawn Alfred; Paul Braun; Dan Koski ; Jill Erickson; Lynn Hoffman; Matt Smits; Mike Zimmer; Sonja Birr; Steve Herzog  
**Subject:** FW: Magnolia Ave. Retaining Wall Failing  
**Attachments:** IMG\_1371.JPG; ATT00001.txt; Plan # 02-01-15 (Magnolia Ave. - RR Tracks to N. 18th St. (2002).pdf; 202005211444.pdf; IMG\_0145.JPG; Re: FW: Magnolia Ave. Retaining Wall Failing

I do not ever remember hearing back from Highway Landscapers on this. He e-mailed me back stating that he would get us something and I do not remember seeing a proposal or cost estimate. I also asked them for an estimate back in 2019 when they were in town on our asphalt paving project, but I cannot seem to find the e-mail and never got anything from them at that time either.

Anyway the wall failed yesterday or this morning. The call was forwarded to me from Bill Nichols.

Vinton will be pulling out the RR tracks that is adjacent to this wall. Perhaps, we can get them to replace the wall.

The entire length has failed. The wall cost \$20,000 back in 2002. I would guess we are looking at \$30,000 to \$50,000 to replace it.

We need to start over. 2 years ago, Chad suggested a poured wall versus these block walls. A poured wall would likely be substantially more than the block retaining walls.

Let's discuss at our managers meeting tomorrow.

I also just called back, Dan Hoefert, 1428 Hamann Road. His phone number is (920) 973-9729 and his e-mail address is: [mrhafe@icloud.com](mailto:mrhafe@icloud.com)

I told him that we would be trying to figure out the next steps.

He stated that he would be interested in installing his own fence. He said that he has lived there about 7 years and he and his neighbor Steve are on very good terms so that they will work with each other on the fence. The wall and fence span across both of these properties.

Shawn,

Just an FYI on our emergency that will need some money.

-----Original Message-----

From: Greg Minikel  
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 3:02 PM  
To: Scott Skinkis ([shighwaylandscapers@new.rr.com](mailto:shighwaylandscapers@new.rr.com)); Don Erickson ([donhighway17@gmail.com](mailto:donhighway17@gmail.com))

Cc: Dan Koski; Billy Hutterer; Karen Dorow; Mike Zimmer  
Subject: FW: Magnolia Ave. Retaining Wall Failing

Scott or Don:

I happened to drive past this wall again today and it looked like it may be leaning more than it did last July.

Could Highway Landscapers take a look at this retaining wall and gives us some recommendations and/or cost estimates to repair or replace this retaining wall??

I have attached the old plans and the old specifications for the wall. I know we have a detail drawing of the wall somewhere, but I cannot seem to find it at the moment.

Thanks.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Greg Minikel [<mailto:gminikel@manitowoc.org>]  
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2019 7:47 PM  
To: Dan Koski; Mike Zimmer  
Cc: Chad Scheinoha; Steve Herzog  
Subject: Magnolia Ave. Retaining Wall Failing

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This is a City wall I believe and was installed in 2002.

We need to discuss options.

It would be very bad if this wall fell in while someone is walking by it

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**From:** shighwaylandscapers@new.rr.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 21, 2020 6:28 PM  
**To:** Greg Minikel  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Magnolia Ave. Retaining Wall Failing

Yes Greg we get a look at it and get you an estimate next week if that works....Thanks for the opportunity Greg

On May 21, 2020 3:02 PM, Greg Minikel <[gminikel@manitowoc.org](mailto:gminikel@manitowoc.org)> wrote:

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