

Sonja Birr

From: starr gerk <sjgerk@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 19, 2020 8:32 PM
To: Greg Minikel
Cc: Sonja Birr; Dan Koski; Jeremiah Novak; Matt Smits; Mike Zimmer; Billy Hutterer; Derek Naibert; Stacey Groll; Ashley Hunt
Subject: Re: homeowner at 955 N 5th St Manitowoc

Hello Greg

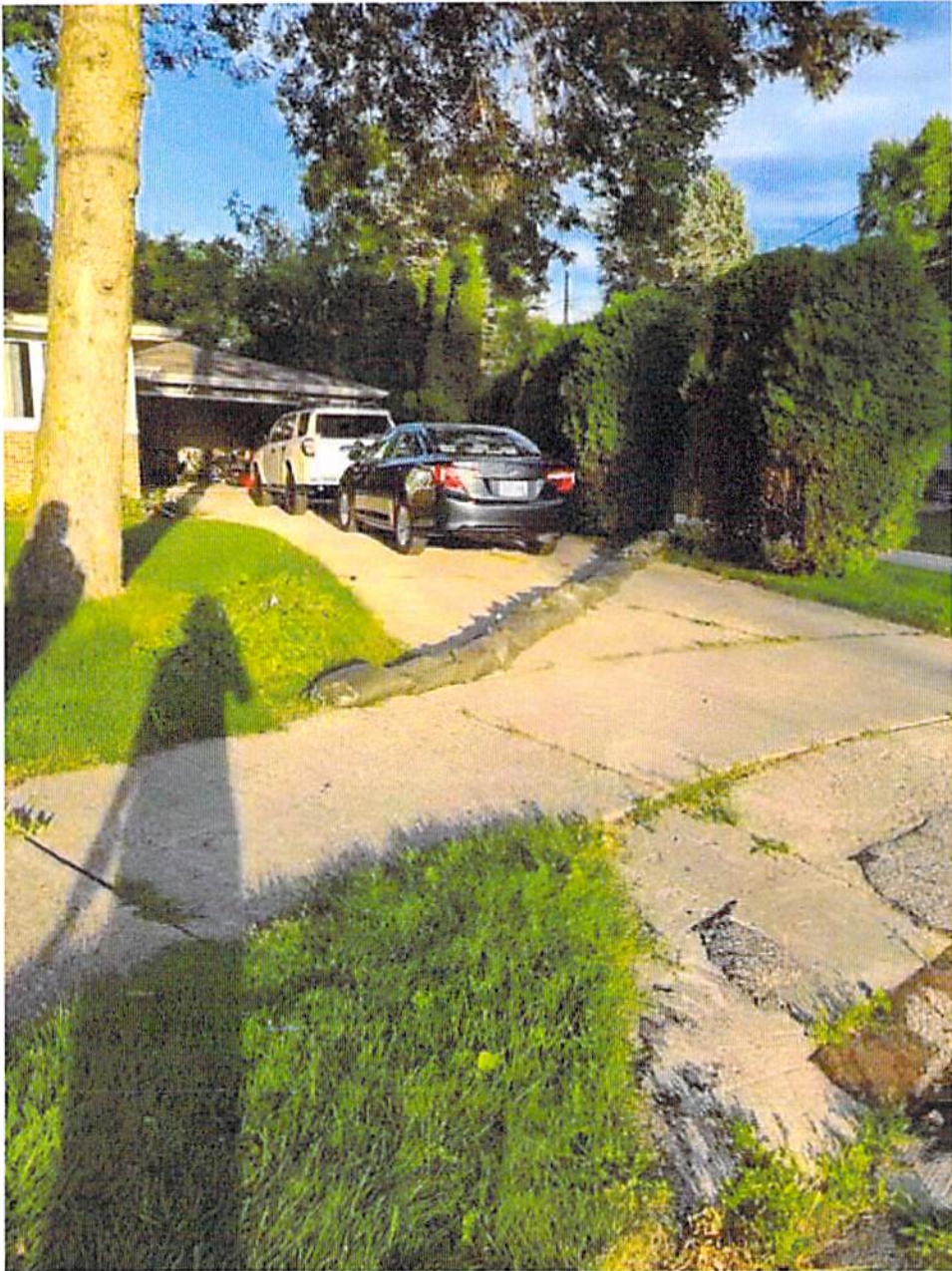
We have laid out the sand bags according to plan. We angled them towards the ped-way in between the second and third bush because the grass is lower there. We are hoping this is the path of least resistance. After much discussion of the flooding, and viewing of the pictures and videos, we are definitely not comfortable with one single layer of sand bags. We would like to know if you could provide us with 12 more so we can double deck them. We are hoping that will work.

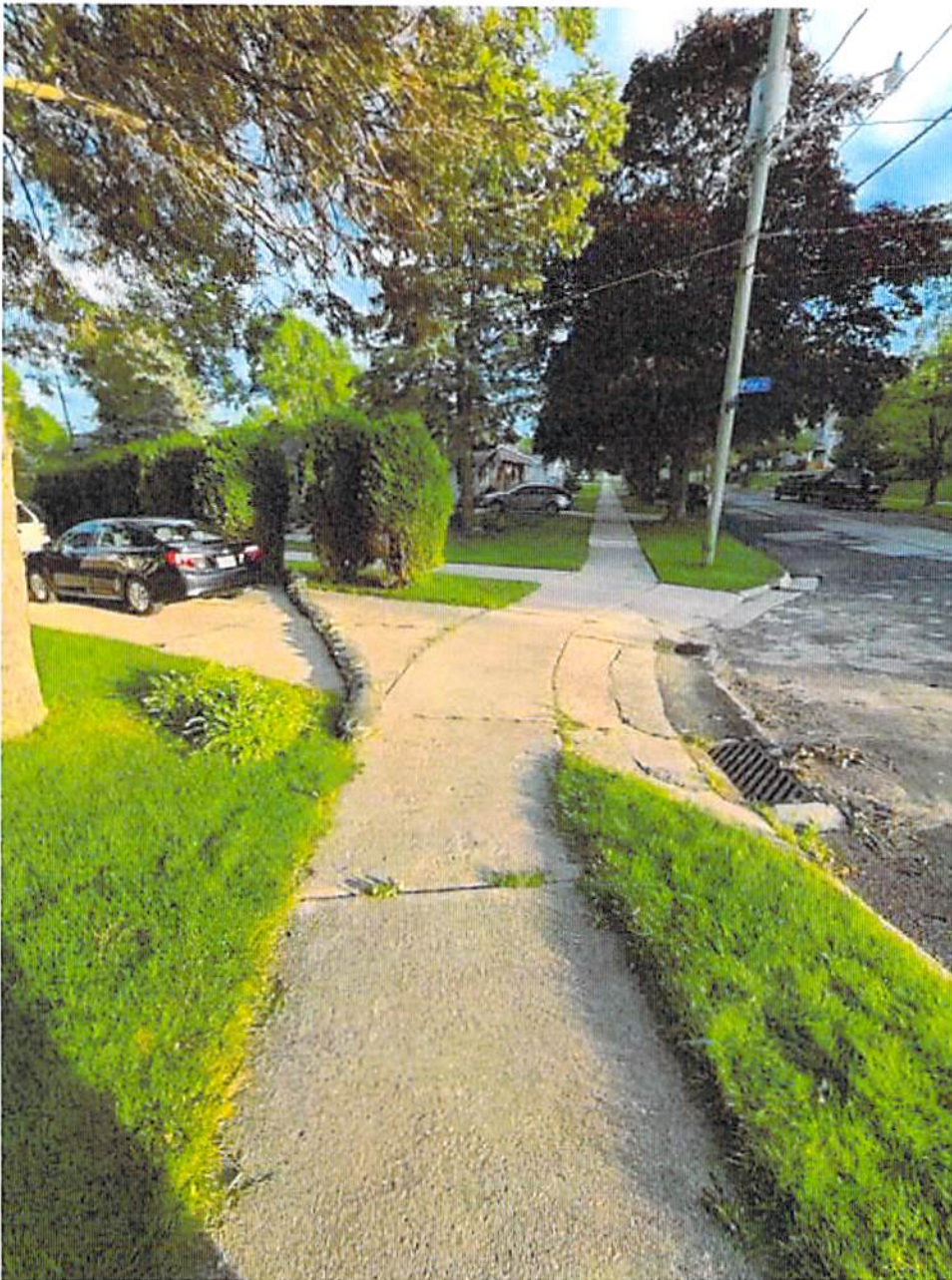
We feel that because of the amount of water, and intensity in which it flows onto her property, one single layer will not work and the water will go right over the top. Our goal is to divert the flooding and keep her property safe from being damaged further. Our family is hoping you will be able to assist us with this request. We appreciate your help in this very important matter.

The sand bags will remain in place for as long as needed. We remain positive that the city will find a long term solution in a timely manner.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Starr Gerke





On Friday, July 17, 2020, 01:49:59 PM CDT, Ashley Hunt <amhunt85@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Greg -

I cannot thank you enough for the quick action to temporarily help this situation. As Starr stated - we will place the sandbags as you have suggested to divert the water before the weather turns bad this weekend. I am a little more at ease knowing that the storm sewer pipes and upstream inlet grates have been checked and/or cleaned. I am enthusiastic about working with the city of Manitowoc to develop a long term solution to this stormwater issue. Please keep me informed and let me know if I can assist in any way.

Thank you,
Ashley Hunt
920-889-0862

On Fri, Jul 17, 2020 at 12:04 PM Greg Minikel <gminikel@manitowoc.org> wrote:

Ashley & Starr:

The City crews delivered several sand bags and stockpiled them next to your driveway at about 11 am this morning.

I would suggest that these be placed behind the back side of the sidewalk and from just north of your driveway going south across your driveway over to the pedestrian way/sidewalk.

The goal of the sandbags would be to divert the water over to the sidewalk on the pedestrian way.

Hopefully, we do not get that intense of rain again this weekend.

The crews checked the storm sewer pipes to the river and they are clean, but the outfall is under water due to the high lake levels.

I believe that most of the storm sewer inlet grates upstream of your house have been cleaned, so that should help as well.

Greg Minikel, P.E.

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