

Greg Minikel

From: Eric Sitkiewitz - D6
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 4:59 PM
To: Jeremiah Novak
Cc: Dan Koski; Billy Hutterer; Matt Smits; Greg Minikel
Subject: Re: Culverts responsibility

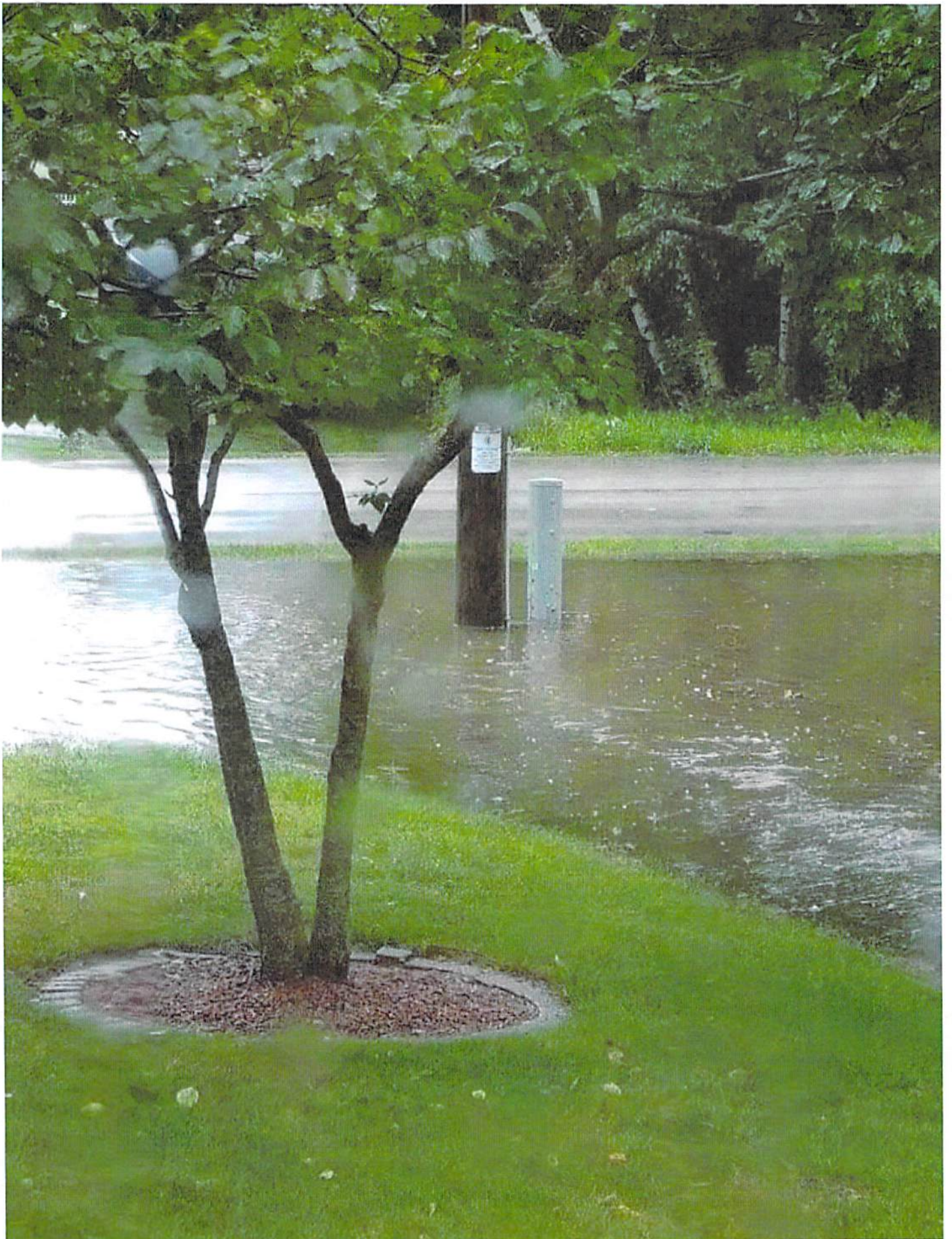
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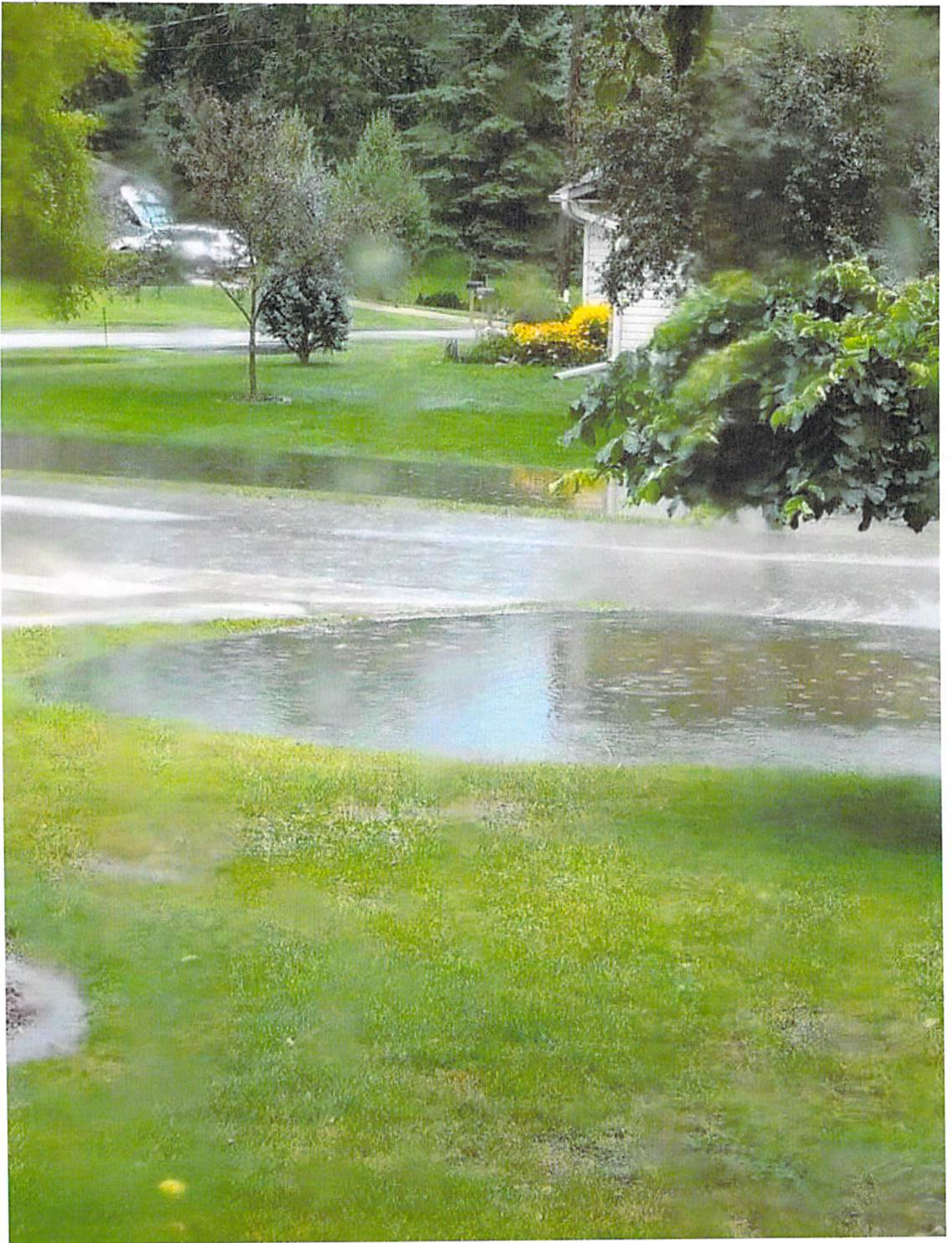
Can we put this issue in the next PI agenda. I have a constituent concerned with the water and is wondering what the options are. I have attached some additional pictures that were sent to me during the latest rainfall.

Thanks

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On Jul 20, 2020, at 4:45 PM, Greg Minikel <gminikel@manitowoc.org> wrote:

Eric,

Sorry for the delay. I started looking at this on June 30th and got side tracked.

Anyway, this area has been a bit of a problem over the years.

Many ditches were filled in and the abutting property owners installed their own storm sewers in some cases. Not sure that they were permitted. However, I think most of these are on the north leg of Harvest Cir.

I know that the installation of driveway culverts is the responsibility of the home owner.

I have always thought that the property owner was also responsible for the maintenance of the culverts, just like a property owner is responsible for maintaining their driveway approach. I am not sure if there is any written policy or resolution on the maintenance of driveway culverts.

The maintenance of the drainage ditches within the Right-of-Way are the City's responsibility and are considered part of our stormwater conveyance system.

In general, we do not have a lot of them in the City as we do not have that many streets with a rural (ditches) cross section. Historically, I do not believe that the City has done a lot of maintenance on ditches. We also have issues on Albert Dr. Not sure if these ditches were ever regraded since the original construction. Billy, correct me if I am wrong on the maintenance of ditches.

I looked through this culvert at 4514 Harvest Cir. and it did not seem too dirty.

The issue is that the ground on either side or both sides of the driveway has silted in and the ground is higher than the flowline of the culvert pipe and then the water in the ditch ponds because it is not flowing correctly, which appears to be the issue here.

Does anyone know if there was some permit work done just west of the driveway?? I did not see anything on our ROWAY permit system. This area seems to be either disturbed or is it just a low area that has been ponding water and has turned to just dirt.

I know that many of these property owners wanted flat yards that were easy to mow, so if we were to go in there to maintain drainage (regrading) in these ditches we may end up having some unhappy property owners.

Sorry that I do not have a more definite answer for you.

Perhaps, this is a discussion for the PI Committee.

From: Eric Sitkiewitz - D6
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 12:40 PM
To: Dan Koski
Cc: Greg Minikel; Billy Hutterer
Subject: Re: Culverts responsibility

Has there been any information in this? I received another call and picture.
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On Jun 25, 2020, at 7:11 PM, Eric Sitkiewitz - D6 <esitkiewitz@manitowoc.org> wrote:

4514 Harvest Circle.

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On Jun 25, 2020, at 5:04 PM, Dan Koski <dkoski@manitowoc.org> wrote:

Good afternoon Eric,

Do you have an address for this property? We should probably take a look at it in person, as this is a unique situation for a couple reasons

I touched base with Greg and Billy (who are cc'd on this reply).

In general, the homeowner is responsible for maintaining the culvert pipe, but the city is responsible for ditching. However, in this area many of the property owners filled in the ditches and in some cases ran pipes under their yards without ever getting permission from the City to do so.

In addition, as you west on both the north and south legs of Harvest Circle, it goes outside of the City Limits.

Thanks
Dan

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From: Eric Sitkiewitz - D6
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 2:19 PM
To: Dan Koski
Subject: Culverts responsibility

Hi Dan,

I received a question about cleaning out culverts and who is responsible to make sure the water is flowing in the ditch. The property is located on Harvest Circle. I have attached a picture.

Thanks,

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