

Paula Vandehey

From: Lynn Driessen <lawlady9@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 05, 2016 2:46 PM
To: Paula Vandehey
Subject: Re: Assessment No. 146690

Dear Ms. Vandehey:

I received Inspection Report No. 144372 in June requiring me to remedy tall weed growth along my East fence and the garage foundation areas. I contacted the Inspector, Blayne Lanser, to inquire whether the order included the wildflowers I had planted in the garage foundation area, some of which were in full bloom at the time along the West side of the foundation. I also indicated that there are planted aster wildflowers along the East side of the foundation that bloom in late summer/fall. Mr. Lanser advised that planted flowers should not be a problem.

I then proceeded to cut the weeds along the fence area first, with the intention to cut the weeds along the garage foundation, as well as the flower stems, once the flowers ceased blooming. Just after the blooms disappeared, I received Assessment No. 146690 with regard to the garage foundation area.

I contacted Mr. Lanser to discuss my understanding that it was not necessary to cut down the wildflowers until they had finished blooming. There was also some unwanted weed growth in that area, some of which I had cut, but not all of it. It was my intention to fully comply with the notice, but I had not finished the garage foundation area when the second inspection occurred.

In my second conversation with Mr. Lanser on July 21, 2016, I advised him that I have since completed cutting the weeds and wildflowers in the garage foundation area within the time period specified in the notice, except for the asters along the East side, which will bloom in late summer and fall.

I paid the \$50.00 assessment for the first notice on June 27, 2016. I request that the City of Appleton waive the second assessment because, based on my discussion with Mr. Lanser, I understood that I was not required to cut my wildflowers until they were no longer blooming. While there was some other weed growth around the flowers, it simply made sense to do the entire area at the same time. I intended to finish the cutting in full compliance with the notice, which is why I originally contacted Mr. Lanser to inquire about the wildflowers I had planted years ago.

I am a senior citizen who lives alone and is employed full-time, so I acknowledge that I may not have completed the task as quickly as I would have liked. I was working alone, as weather permitted, but was unable to engage in physical labor in the extreme heat. I made a good faith effort to comply after consulting with the Inspector, Mr. Lanser.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lynn Driessen

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From: Paula Vandehey <Paula.Vandehey@Appleton.org>

Sent: Monday, July 25, 2016 8:17 AM

To: Lynn Driessen

Subject: RE: Assessment No. 146690

Hi Lynn,

You can just send me an email explaining why you feel your Weed Fee should be waived. I will add this to the agenda for the August 9th Municipal Services Meeting. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm in Committee Room 6A, 6th floor City Center.

Thanks and have a great week!

Paula

From: Lynn Driessen [mailto:lowlady9@hotmail.com]

Sent: Friday, July 22, 2016 5:03 PM

To: Paula Vandehey <Paula.Vandehey@Appleton.org>

Subject: Assessment No. 146690

Dear Ms. Vandehey:

In a conversation with Blayne Lanser on July 21, I inquired whether there was an appeal process with regard to assessments. Mr. Lanser advised me to contact you with regard to an appeal.

Please advise as to the proper procedure. Thank you for your assistance.

Lynn Driessen

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REQUEST MAINT

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REQUEST - 146690 TALL WEEDS/BRUSH
LOCATION OF PROBLEM. -

STR ADDR OF PROBLEM. - HOUS# N/S/E/W STREET NAME
312 E CALUMET

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----- REQUEST NOTES -----

7/15/16 BL - CUT ALL TALL WEEDS BY GARAGE
FOUNDATION.

7/25/16 BL - CUT.

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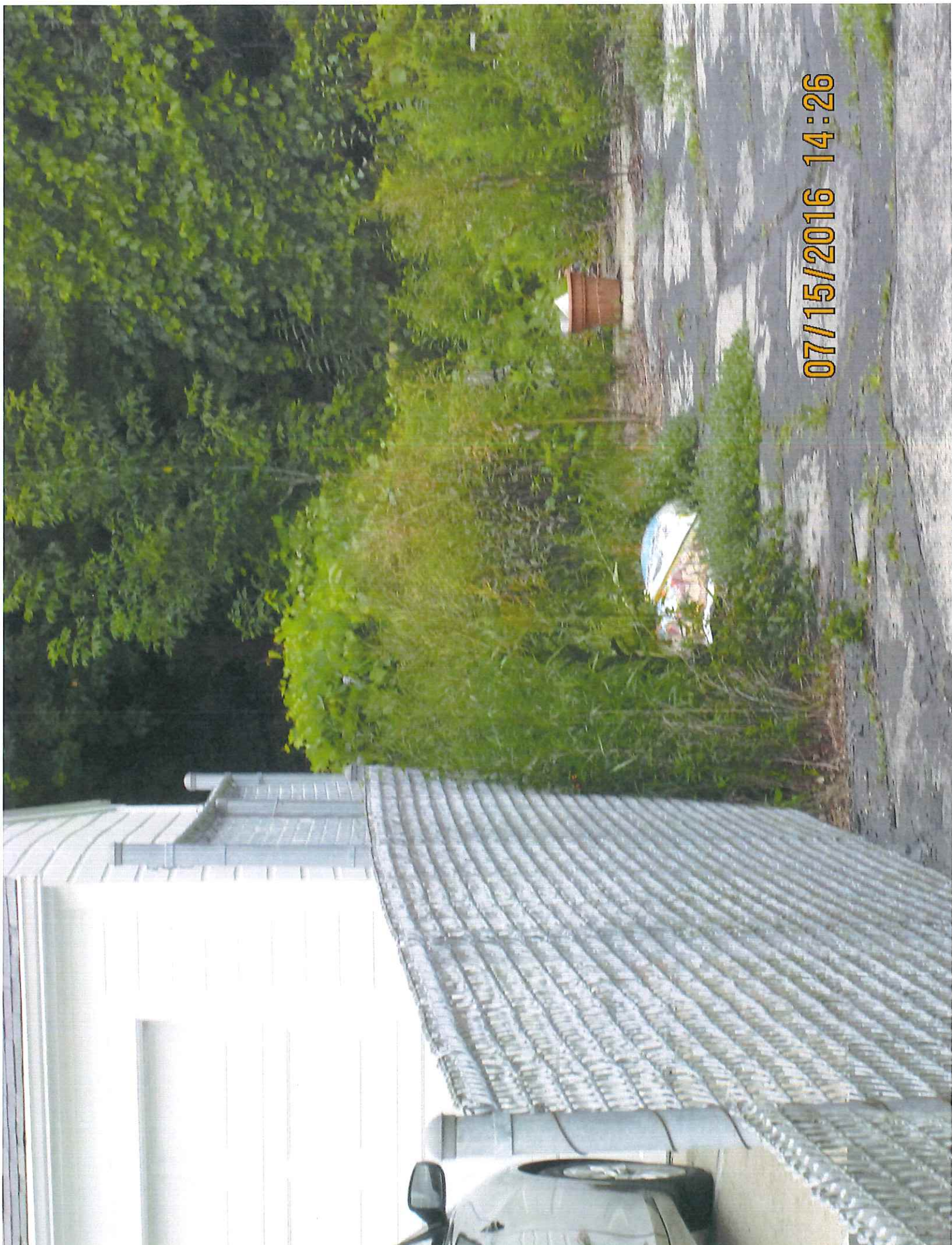
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