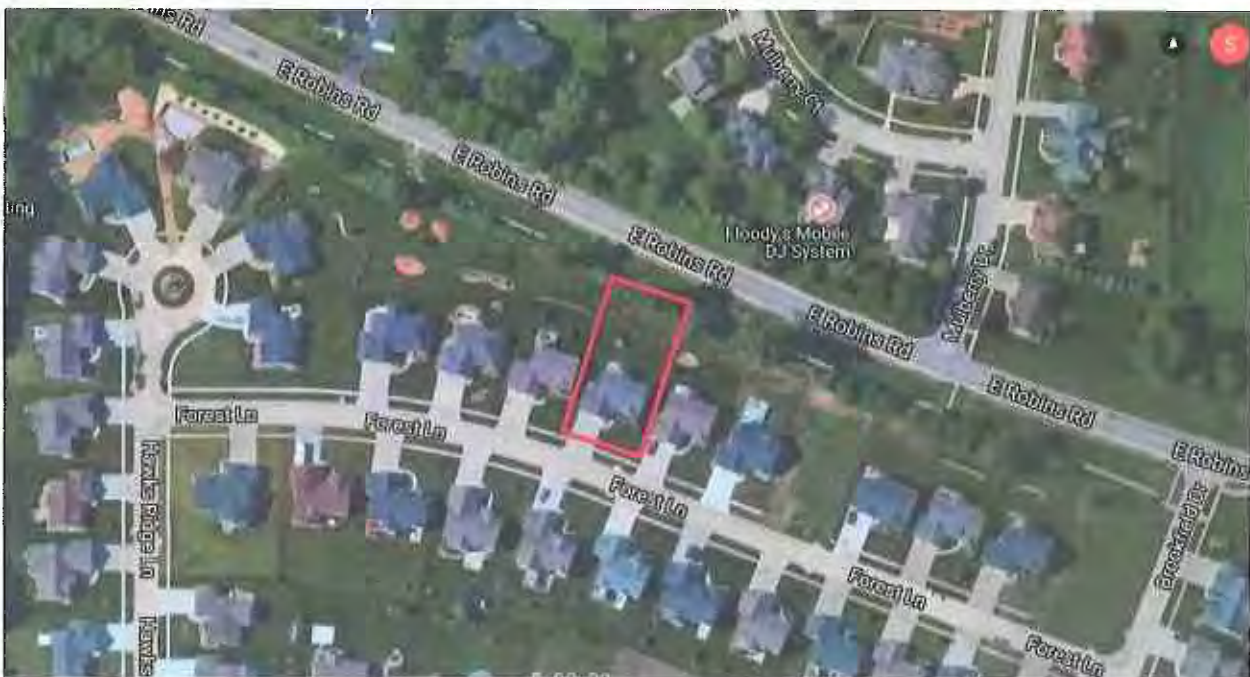


Hardship case for maintaining sidewalk along E. Robins Rd. – July 6, 2017

Hello, my name is Sarah Hora and I live at 1440 Forest Ln with my husband and 3 young children. We built and moved into our house February 14, 2012 because of the semi-private tree/brush lined back yard. The trees and brushes lining my back yard property line are so dense that I am not able to walk through it, which I like, because it is a natural fence keeping my children in my yard. It also serves as a sound barrier from the traffic along East Robins Rd. When building our house with Skogman Homes we asked about the side walk behind our house along East Robins Rd and I was told that the City of Marion maintained it. I had no reason to question this statement, because I have seen City crews cut the ditch and clear the snow in the winter over the years I have lived here. I was recently advised by a neighbor that the City will no longer be maintaining this area.

My question is, in 2010 to 2011 when the sidewalk along the south side of East Robins Rd between the City of Cedar Rapids to Brookfield Dr. in Marion was formally accepted by the City, why wasn't there a plan in place to advise the 14 future home owners of Forest Ln and Hawks Ridge Ct that it would be their responsibility to maintain the sidewalk in this area, if they chose to purchase the lot? This sidewalk is not easily accessible for most property owners due to the hill grade and dense shrubs and bushes. My property line ends just over the tree/shrub lined hill and is roughly 20' down hill to the edge of the sidewalk along East Robins Rd. For the past 5 years I have seen city crews clearing this sidewalk and ditch area. In August of 2014 the City of Marion added more sidewalk along the south side of East Robins Rd between Brookfield Dr and New Castle Rd and is currently on the City of Marion Parks Department winter maintenance schedule according to the monthly report on January 24, 2017. Since this stretch of sidewalk is maintained by the City of Marion I am requesting that the City of Marion continue to also maintain the sidewalk that is behind my property that is between the City of Cedar Rapids and Brookfield Dr. The City of Marion also maintains access to the Emergency Alert Siren that is along this same stretch of side walk. I appreciate your consideration to this matter and ask that the City continue maintaining the sidewalk and right of way behind my property.

I have pictures showing the progression of the development of the neighborhood and sidewalks below.



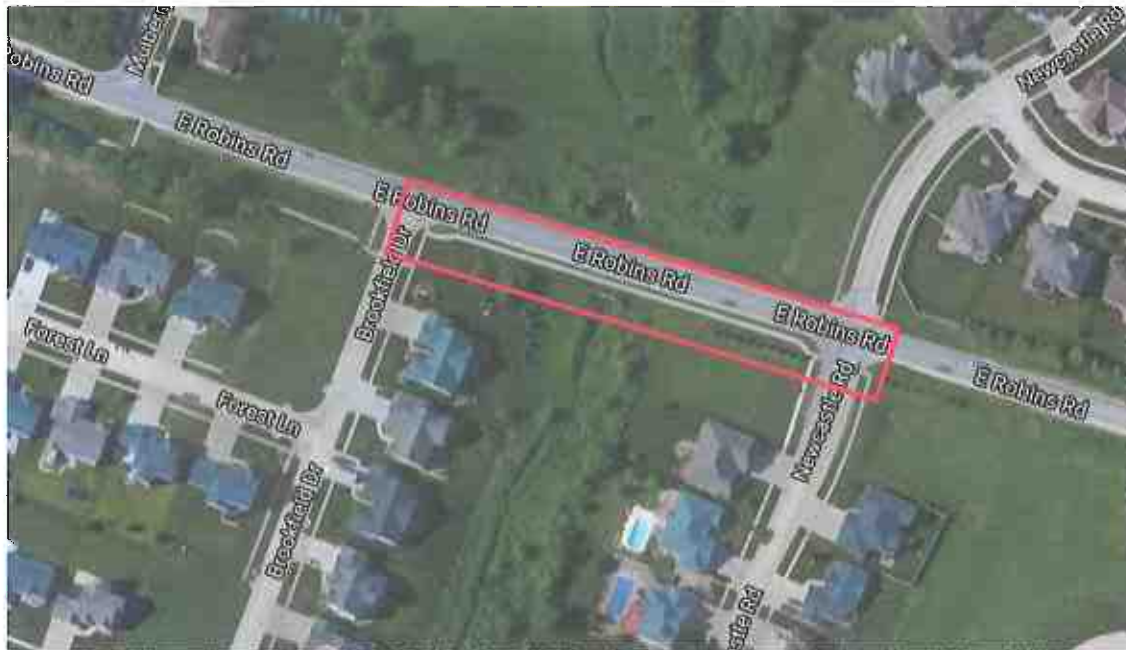
View of my back yard hill at 1440 Forest Ln Marion, IA



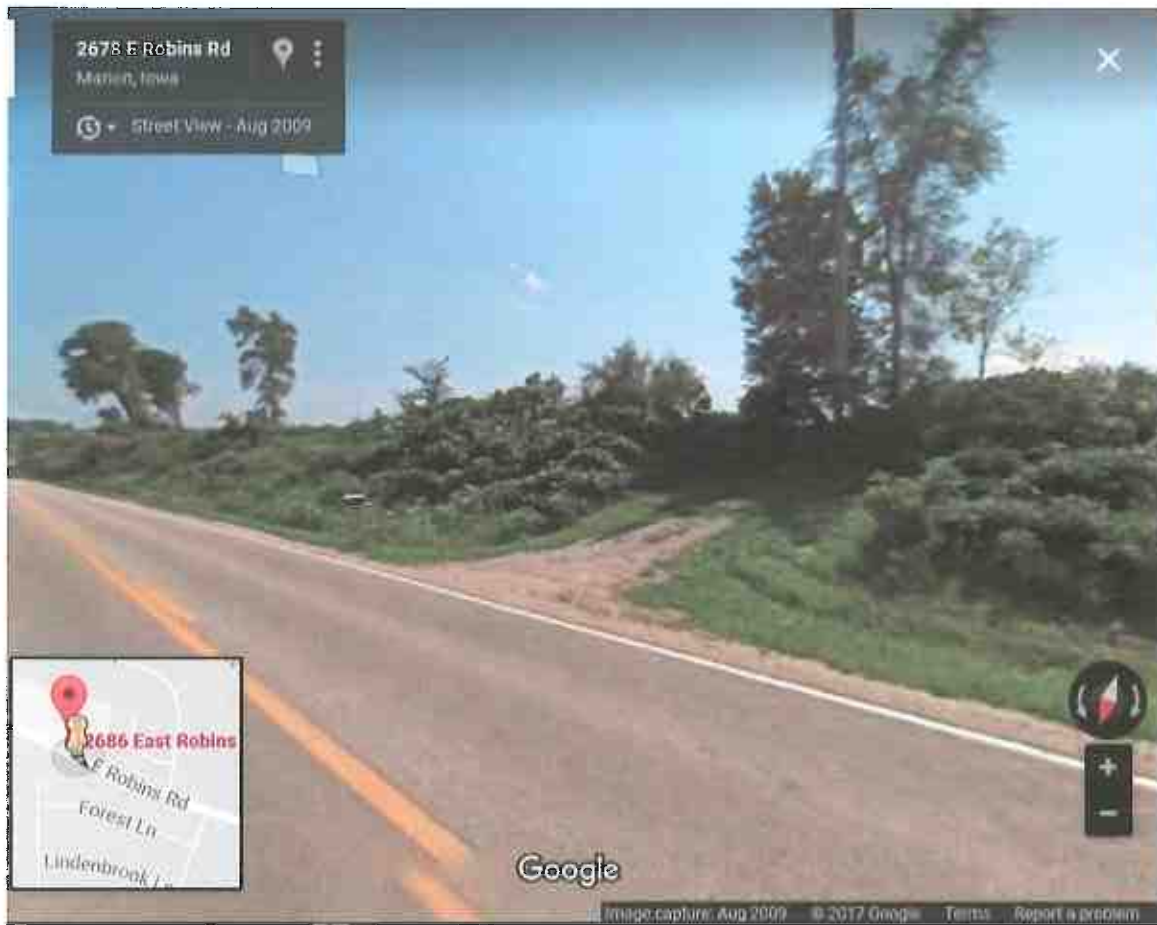
View of my neighbor's back yard to the west of my property.



This stretch of sidewalk between Brookfield Drive and New Castle Rd is currently maintained by the City of Marion. I am requesting that the City of Marion also maintain the sidewalk that continues west along the south side of East Robins Rd.



City Emergency Alert Siren pictured 2009 on top and 2012 on the bottom.



Pictured sometime between 2008-2009 and there was only partial side walk. Were the future homeowners of Forest Ln and Hawks Ridge Ct considered before the sidewalk was put and how they would be able to properly access it?



Pictured sometime between 2010-2011 and the sidewalk is complete. The center foundation on Forest Lane is actually my house that we took over construction in November 2011 and closed February 2012.



Looking east bound along East Robins Rd. Pictured in 2009 on the left and 2012 on the right



Looking west bound along East Robins Rd. near Brookfield Street. Pictured in 2009 on the left and 2012 on the right



Traci Miller

From: Traci Miller
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 10:19 AM
To: Traci Miller
Subject: FW: Maintaining East Robins Road
Attachments: 20170620104914904.pdf; ATT00001.htm; 20170620104944245.pdf; ATT00002.htm; 20170620105011291.pdf; ATT00003.htm; Hardship case for maintaining sidewalk along E Robins Rd.docx; ATT00004.htm

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jennifer Skogman <jskogman@skogman.com>
Date: June 20, 2017 at 11:25:34 AM CDT
To: david.nicholson@mchsi.com
Subject: Maintaining East Robins Road

Good morning David,

I am sorry to send this to your personal email but I wanted to include some attachments and I couldn't figure it out on the city site.

I am writing on behalf of the buyers that live on Forest Lane and Hawks Ridge Court. There is a sidewalk that runs along East Robins Road that currently needs mowing and snow removal. The buyers cannot maintain this due to the slope of the hill behind their yards. See attached grade sheets showing the elevation changes from the curb to the **top** of the hill. After reaching the top, they would then have to travel back down a hill with the mower/shovel to reach the sidewalk. At the steepest point, this is a 25' hike up hill. I would be happy to meet you onsite to try and walk this hill with a shovel in hand or a push mower, it is steep and not safe.

The last attachment is a letter from a buyer on Hawks Ridge Court. To safely maintain the sidewalk would take him .5 miles each way with a shovel/mower or snow blower. There is no room to park on East Robins Road so you can't drive there. And even if you could drive around, the ditch is too steep to walk.

Currently the city maintains the area between Brookfield Drive and Newcastle. While they are doing that area, we would like to request they mow and remove snow along the East Robins Road sidewalk as well. This doesn't add a special trip for the team, it just extends their scope of work.

Please let me know what steps I need to take to have the city of Marion take over mowing and snow removal.

Thank you for your time.

Jennifer
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I live at 3198 Hawks Ridge Ct in Marion. The following satellite picture shows my neighborhood.

The blue dot represents my house.

The red line represents the sidewalk along E. Robins Rd that the city claims I need to maintain.

The blue line represents one path I can take to get to the sidewalk behind my property. Distance 1 mi. round trip.

The yellow line represents another path I can take to get to the sidewalk behind my property. Distance 1 mi. round trip.



The following is a view from the sidewalk behind my property from the E. Robins Rd side. The hill next to the sidewalk is very steep and full of bushes and trees.



The following picture is of the hill in our back yard which at points is about 45 degrees. During the winter, this makes it difficult and dangerous to even reach the top of the hill, let alone navigating the brush to get to the other side. The only access is to make the 1 mile round-trip trek with the shovel or snow blower. And since there is no place to park along the road, I would have to snow-blow the sidewalk on the way to the portion behind my house. I believe that this is an unrealistic expectation. The city is already maintain the sidewalk on the east side of Brookfield Dr. I'm suggesting that the city extend the maintenance along E. Robins Rd to the city border.



The following is a picture of my neighbor's back yard to show that I'm not the only one with this burden.



Top of hill = 874.7

Curb = 849.8

24.9' increase in grade

NORTH 1" = 30'

874.7
padding
for 15min

4) ASSUMED 12" LEADERS ABOVE BASEMENT WINDOWS
29,869 #

582.261

LOT # 1208
3198

858.4

853.3
854.3

851.9
5'6" x 10' SUBTERRANEAN PORCH

853.0
852.0

LAKELAND

180.70

20' WATER MAIN DRAINAGE UTILITY EASEMENT

18' increase from curb to lot line

874.6

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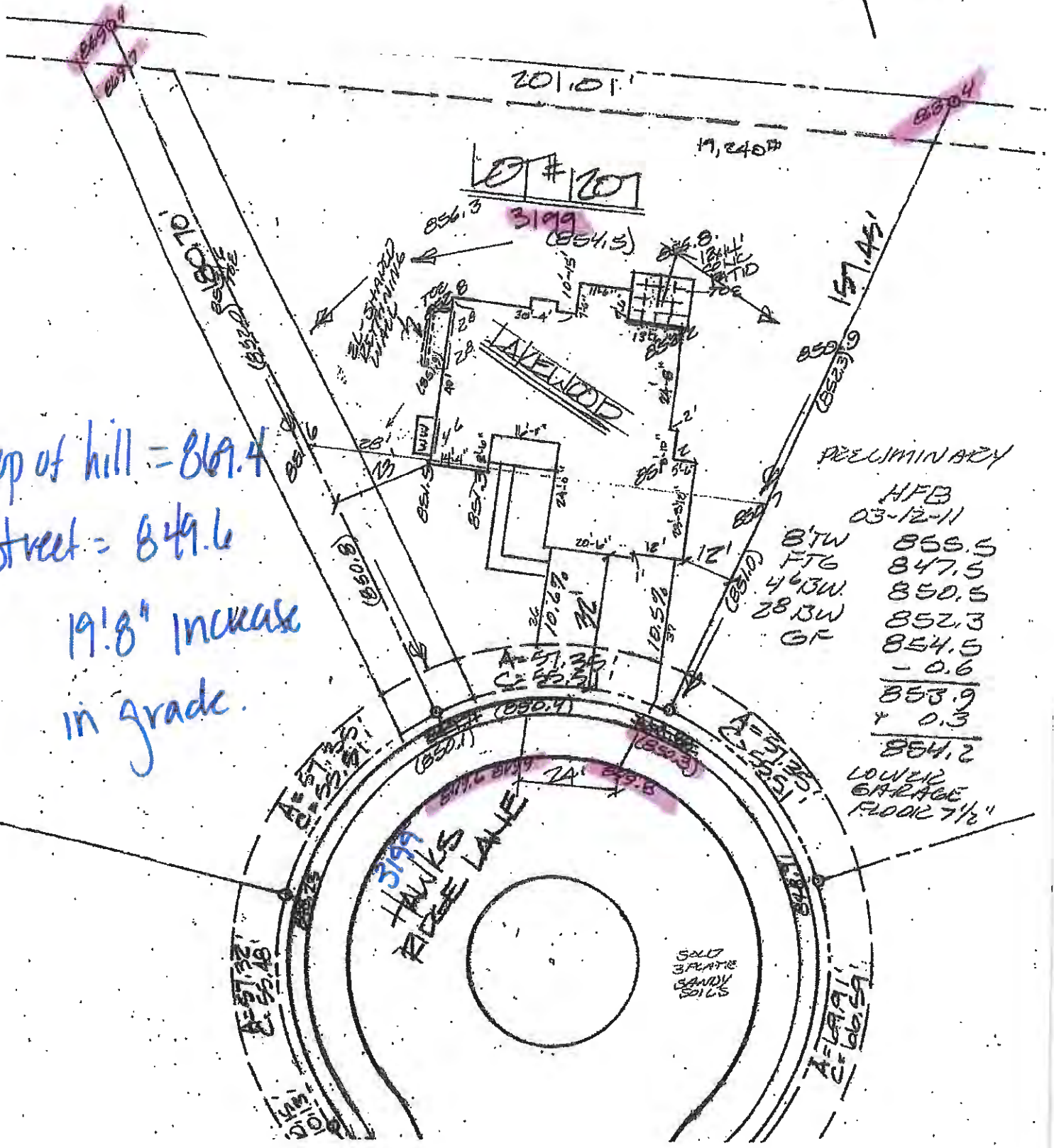
852.2

855.8
712.8

HAWKS RIVER LAKE

1" = 30'

NORTH
1" = 30'



top of hill = 869.4
 Street = 849.6
 19' 8" increase
 in grade.

PRELIMINARY

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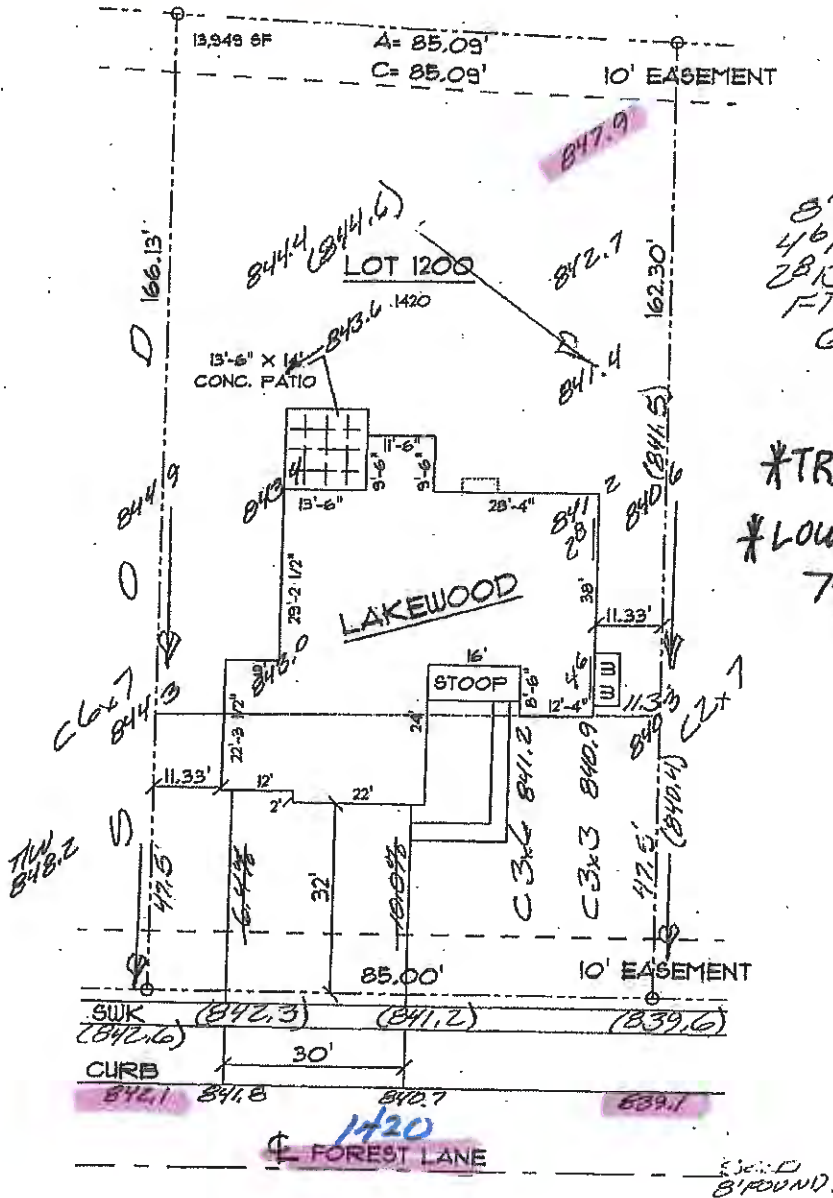
BTW	858.5
FTG	847.5
463W	850.5
283W	852.3
GF	854.5
	- 0.6
	853.9
	+ 0.3
	854.2

LOWER GARAGE FLOOR 7 1/2"

HAWKS RIDGE LANE

SLO 3% PLATE SANDY SOILS

Home on forest lane would
 have to travel up 11' and
 then back down to sidewalk
 to man/snow



HFB
 02-05-13

8' TW	845.6
46'3W	840.6
28'3W	842.4
FTG	837.6
GF	844.6

*TRIPLE PLATE
 *LOWER GARAGE FLOOR
 7 1/2" 1 RISER

