



Department of Public Works
Infrastructure Services Division

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October 31, 2019

Grant F. Langley, City Attorney
Office of City Attorney
841 North Broadway, Room 716

Attn: Claim Section

Subject: C.I. File No. 1029-2019-1942
Communication from MARTHA WATTS

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12:45 A.M./P.M.

Dear Mr. Langley:

We have reviewed your October 15, 2019 letter and attached claim submitted by Martha Watts and offer the following:

The claim states Ms. Watts was walking across the sidewalk on North 48th Street and stepped down onto a "dirt area which use(d) to have grass and now is all tree roots". The claim further states Ms. Watts fall "was due to the large roots that grabbed her foot and plunged to her fall". The City of Milwaukee is not responsible for maintenance of the tree border in front of private property.

If you have further questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. James Washington of my staff at 414-286-3982.

Sincerely,

Samir Amin, P.E.
City Engineer

JW:sb

JW



Martha Watts

4800 W. Burleigh st, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53210

9/26/2019

Office of the City Clerk

Claims

200 E Wells St, Room 205, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202-3567

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OCT 2 - 2019

12:50 A.M./P.M.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

2019 SEP 30 PM 2:20

Dear Office of the City Clerk
Claims:

On July 27th 2019, approximately 5pm Martha Watts {claimant} was walking across sidewalk on 48th st off Burleigh and stepped down onto dirt area which use to have grass and now is all tree roots and about to enter street to cross back over to 3107 no 48th occupancy and fell and injured right elbow. It was an extrtreme hard fall and cracked my elbow which caused me severe pain after one week when elbow didn't get better so martha went to the emergency outpatient for xray and doctor. Martha was sent to an orthopedic doctor to review break. After her visit with Dr, Beck the orthopedic doctor he said there was nothing he could do for the break and had to do physical therapy and exercise. This is a permanent damage to her elbow and could have been avoided if the city of Milwaukee would maintain there property better.

Martha's fall was due to the large roots that grabbed her foot and plunged to her fall.

Martha is asking for all expenses of doctors and xray to be paid back to her plus restitution for pain and suffering and loss of work.

Martha is a hair dresser and her use of her right arm is vital she is right handed, this has slowed her down at the time of accident and in future.

Documents of expenses are enclosed and pictures of area where fall took place can be sent of viewed by email or text.

I am also requesting this area be repaired so this incident doesn't happen to my customers or anyone else.

As the building owner Jollic on 3107 n. 48th Milw, Wisc 53216 Martha has requested repairs to curbs street and grounds but city does patch up work and never really fixes anything. Martha pays her taxes on a timely manor and appreciates all the help she can get to maintain support to Sherman park.

7/8/2019 Aurora Advanced Healthcare mayfair road clinic

\$489.20

7/8/2019 Aurora healthcare mayfair Road Clinic \$116.24

7/11/2019 Froedert Hospital Chad Beck \$156.58

Pain and suffering to be discussed

My name

Martha watts

4800 W. Burleigh St

Milwaukee Wisconsin

Business Marthas

4147325748

4144440244 wk

8am to 8am

Sincerely,

Martha Watts

Martha Watts

4800 w. Burleigh st, Milwaukee, Wisc. 53210 | 414-732-5748 | marthajowatts@gmail.com

Date

Benjamin M Baldwin
Investigator/Adjuster
Office of the Milwaukee City Attorney
841 N. Broadway, Suite 716 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear Benjamin M Baldwin

Investigator/Adjuster:

In regards to need for making a demand for compensation due to injury on city property goes as follows:

My demands are:

Medical Bills incurred \$762.02

Future possible medical bills for doctor and possible physical therapy.....\$1000.00

Because I have pain where bone is cracked in elbow when bending arm

Loss of Income for loss of work not being able to servicing clients on hair services

Which I have to use my right arm which became limited due to pain and loss of movement

My demand is 2 weeks pay totally.....\$2500.00

My demand for pain and suffering is 3 times my out of pocket cost, loss of work and future medical bills (pain and suffering because my arm will not ever be the same due to this fall which resulted in a life long break that nothing can be done about just maybe therapy to keep it mobile).

$\$762.02 + \$1000.00 + \$2500 = \4262.02

$\$4262.02 \times 3 = \12786.06

Sincerely,



Martha Watts (Claimant)