

Miller's Petition To Vacate Response by Randy Bellomo

I have lived at 8549 134th Street for 29 years and paid over \$55,000 in real estate taxes. I am against the approval of this Petition. The ROW was part of the original plat filed with PC in 1912, the year Pinellas became a County.

The ROW lies just E of my property. Over the years there have been occasions when the power, telephone, or TV cable companies needed to repair or replace their equipment, and ROW access minimized outage time. The ROW has also facilitated fence repair and replacement. Last year, Mr. Zwissler had to have a power pole replaced in his backyard. With no ROW, the replacement took three days, required fence removal, and sod and vegetation were damaged.

According to Mr. Miller, reasons for Vacate include: Increased property size, prohibiting unwanted use of the area, other, and maintenance of property and access to barn.

The four properties W of the ROW are each approximately 1/5 acre. Mr. Miller's property is 6 times larger than each of the four properties W of the ROW.

In 29 years I am not aware of anyone congregating within that ROW, other than for fence or utility work. If security is the concern, Mr. Miller can build a fence, like the one that existed E of the ROW when he bought the property in 2019.

Preserving the ROW will not impact the maintenance of Mr. Miller's property nor restrict access to his barn.

Since all of the utility providers have submitted letters of No Objection, if this Petition is granted and the ROW becomes a private powerline easement, it is likely that a Petition To Vacate a private powerline easement would be easily approved.

If approved and the ROW is eliminated, any new construction could be much closer to my property. As my first photo shows, the view of Mr. Miller's property from my family room is already rather "cluttered" with structures. Also, if the ROW becomes a private powerline easement, Mr. Miller would be able to park vehicles, trailers, boats, sheds, and other "portable" items within the easement according to Jonathan Kasper of Duke Energy, thus increasing my "visual pollution".

Therefore, I am against this Petition, as this ROW has been platted for 110 years. Its existence does not inhibit Mr. Miller from other construction projects on his property, as long as he maintains the required setbacks that have been in place for a very long time. If approved, favor will be given to one homeowner at the expense of four others!

View Of Miller Property From Bellomo Family Room



View Of Existing Right-Of-Way Looking South



View Of Existing Right-Of-Way Entrance



View Of Existing Right-Of-Way Entrance Showing Gas Cans

