

Re: Opposition to Road Closure Request RC-3-2023 KAPSA (Segments 2–5)

Dear Council members,

I have composed this letter to emphatically state our opposition to the most recent proposal by the applicants to close and transfer ownership of sections of the township access road in question.

This proposal to purchase township access roads leading to their property may seem mutually beneficial to township as well as the applicants but poses potential problems mainly to our agricultural operations, and we find it uncomprehensible that we were not contacted for our input on this matter. These problems include but are not limited to (as we have not been granted adequate time to fully research all outcomes to this proposal).

1-access to our land via township road frontage for maintenance and livestock care.

2- access to water supply via township access road to support future livestock and agricultural operations.

3- potential risks associated with any changes to drainage creeks and waterways.

We would also like to know if a survey has been carried out to mark these access passageways. There is no evidence to suggest this making it difficult to determine the full impact this will have, as the exact route of the passage is not visible.

We would like to request a survey if one has not been completed before any decisions are made on this matter.

The original proposal was deferred in 2024 to give the applicants time to reach out to the owners of neighboring properties to make an attempt at coming up with a reasonable solution to their problem, but no attempts have been made on their part. Instead, they have enlisted the help of an ex-council member to approach it from a different angle with the council without adequate notice to all parties affected.

There is something broken in a system that would allow such things to happen without contacting all current tax paying citizens involved. We have been left scrambling at the last minute to research the facts and form our opposition, and if we had not been made aware of this situation what would have happened next?

This would have been passed without consideration to the residents pre-existing the applicants regardless to the impact?

As stated at the previous council meeting regarding this issue we maintain that we are not opposed to the applicants gaining access to the land that they purchased through reasonable means as long as it does not interfere with our operations as intended when we purchased our property. We maintain the stance that the applicants purchasing property known to be landlocked was not then, and should not now be our issue, and should therefore not have any impact on our agricultural operations.

It is also not unreasonable to request that any decisions or proposals brought before council that directly affect the future of our farm be brought to our attention in a timely fashion.

I strongly urge the council to deny this application and amend your policies and procedures to if not protect taxpayers and landowners from such intrusions, at least keep them informed of situations like this one. No motion should ever be passed without input from all parties involved.

We will see you all at the council meeting on Tuesday

Feeling Sincerely blindsided,

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