

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

Here we see the clear rule of government as spelled out in the Declaration of Independence. They are instituted to secure rights, not to strip them through judicial abuse.

Thomas Jefferson in his letter to Edward Livingston wrote, ... and I commend it to each of you here today “One single object ... will entitle you to the endless gratitude of society; that of restraining judges from usurping legislation”.

In other words, Jefferson recognized the danger of an unchecked judicial and so I genuinely thank each of you for taking the time to hear us this day and for doing your job in securing our rights.

My name is Jeff and my property runs parallel to what will be the bike trail. My property is also at the end of a dead-end road where my family and I have enjoyed our little slice of Heaven on Earth. True small-town America where I used to enjoy peace and Happiness but now, I must assume a posture of defense as the Metroparks abuse the law for their own twisted logic. Any logic that thinks it is agreeable to take land that is not theirs purely for recreational purpose I refer you to the Old Testament book of 1 Kings 21 and the story of Ahab. Notice the means his wife Jezebel uses.

I also am a very avid cyclist and so I realize it may seem strange to fight the bike trail but there are real world issues that take place over recreational pursuits.

1. Proximity to house- Less than 50' entire length of property
2. Invitation for predators- lock on house, etc... Signs posted=useless
3. Loss of Use for daughter and grandson, no lake
4. Loss of Privacy- Eye level with bed and bath
5. Loss of Security
6. Continuous Traffic in Drive
7. No real legal recourse

On top of all this, we have crumbling roads, a major drug crisis, open borders, and we are discussing whether there is a legal way to stop the Metropark from stealing from innocent citizens and spending millions of dollars with LOTS of strings attached to put in a bike trail without regard to the affected. Just a big fat lawsuit. That is the fruit of the Metropark's. This is the posture of predators.

How about you give the money back to the taxpayers. They need food and healthcare more than a trail that the majority will never use.

In conclusion I do not expect a perfect life, and any sane person has come to the same conclusion. There was, is, and hopefully will be men and women who recognize they are not perfect, nor were their predecessors. Therefore, we institute laws and means to change bad laws. I ask for your vote to stop these abuses of our laws.

