

**A RESOLUTION OF THE  
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES  
Of Seneca County**

#17-08

**Whereas**, Meadowbrook Park has been adversely affected by the requirements of the Surface Water Contamination Act as amended in 1996 and signed into law by President Clinton, the Hopewell Township Trustees are resolved to appeal to the congress of the United States for relief in the form of a grant for infrastructure modifications and improvements to offset these negative aspects.

**Whereas**, The citizens of the unincorporated hamlet of Bascom located within Hopewell Township have been mandated to establish and the total cost of this project (4.2 million dollars) is to be borne by the 374 residents of the hamlet, 6 retail establishments, 3 churches, one school and the Township Park.

**Whereas**, Meadowbrook Park has been determined to be 97 Equivalent Dwelling Unit's (EDU's) (37%) of the total project based on the study done by the Engineering Firm using the Standards according to Metcalf and Eddy, third edition, which will place the park's share of the plant and collection cost at \$1.5 million dollars.

**Whereas**, Meadowbrook Park will be charged for the same 97 EDU's once the plant is operating which will be \$106,000 per year, which is 1/3 of the total operating budget of the park.

**Whereas**, Meadowbrook Park has been owned and operated by Hopewell Township since 1974 and has been operated by the revenue it charges from user fees generated from camping, and a historic Redwood Ballroom which is the majority of the 97 EDU's for this project, and now because of the enormity of the mandate, the very thing that has provided economic stability for the park now threatens to destroy the park's ability to fund itself as it has for the past 32 years that it has been operated by the township and 80 years before that.

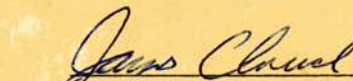
**Whereas**, During the five winter months, when the Redwood Ballroom is the only park facility open and even with reduced flow, the park will still have to pay for 97 EDU's. This will mean that the only revenue stream coming in during the winter months would be 1/2 the revenue needed just to pay the sewer bill. Our winter revenue is \$29,000 and the sewer bill is proposed to be \$44,620. In order to generate the funds to pay the bill we would have to charge everyone who entered the Ballroom a user fee of one dollar just for the sewer bill. The rental fee for the Ballroom will have to be increased by 1/3 just to cover the sewer bill for each event which would result in loss of revenue due to reduced bookings.

**Whereas**, If Meadowbrook Park ceases to exist, the remaining households in the sewer district will be forced to absorb the price of the project and would add \$455 to each residents yearly fee.


**Whereas**, the honorable Senator George F. Voinovich is sponsoring the Water Quality Investment Act to aide small units of government who are mandated to construct treatment and collection systems that are beyond the funding abilities of small units of government.

**Therefore, Be it resolved** that the Hopewell Township Trustees, at their regular meeting on August 18, 2008, do hereby declare their support for the Water Quality Investment Act and urge Congress to pass the bill in the current session so that Hopewell Township can seek relief from this burdensome mandate and may continue to operate the "crown jewel" of the region known as Meadowbrook Park for the many generations to come.

  
Lori Zoeller, Chairperson

  
James Clouse, Trustee

  
Richard Gosche, Trustee

  
Lorraine Kovaschitz, Fiscal Officer