

# MEADOWBROOK PARK

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Dear Seasonal Camper,

This letter will try and bring you up to date on the sewer situation. First of all, for those of you who took the time and wrote letters to the various public officials, thank you. This out-pouring of support has made our plight known and the officials know who we are and the situation is familiar to them.

Locally, the Seneca County Commissioners have taken a second look at the total project and has directed the engineering firm to reevaluate the project with respect to the size and scope of the capacity needed based on current flow levels and future development. This is a positive for Meadowbrook as our actual flow levels are significantly below projected amounts on the charts listed in the “Bible” on sewer planning used by the engineering firms to size sewage plants.

We are still trying to obtain funding for our situation. We continue to write and work with our elected congressional leaders to see if there is a way to fund our local needs. With the new economic stimulus initiatives having a focus on infrastructure, we are once again hopeful that sewers will become as important as “roads & bridges” and Meadowbrook will become eligible for some of these funds.

Governor Strickland in his news release on October 9, 2008 actually listed sewer projects as one of the infrastructure project to be included in his Jobs Stimulus Plan. We see this as a positive and will try to make our case for funding as things move forward.

The Park Management and Trustees have been exploring and searching out grants and aid to help with this project, but there still will be major expenses for which we have to prepare. If we were to predict future grant funding based on the amount received for the recently completed entrance bridge project, we might expect to receive about 25% of the needed funds. This means at the very least, Meadowbrook must begin to prepare to meet the impending cost. We also felt that because of the delay in the project and the downturn in the economy, we can return to the policy of using the rate of inflation as our guide to pricing. We will continue to set aside the amount generated by the major increase in 2008 for the sewer fund.

At the Hopewell Township Board of Trustees annual organizational meeting held on January 9, 2009 the following rate increases were adopted by the Trustees.

The Seasonal Camping fees were raised by \$30. We normally just raise the camping fee to cover the cost of inflation, which for the park, this year was 2 ½ %.

## THE NEW RATES FOR THE 2009 CAMPING SEASON ARE:

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| <b>A.</b> | <b>East Woods with sewer</b> | <b>\$1065</b> |
| <b>B.</b> | <b>East Woods W&amp;E</b>    | <b>\$1040</b> |
| <b>C.</b> | <b>West Woods</b>            | <b>\$1140</b> |

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