



# **PARKS COMMISSION**

## **AGENDA**

**Tuesday, September 30, 2025**  
**4:30 PM**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes for July 1, 2025
3. Park Updates
4. Review: Playground Inspection Reports
5. Berlin Glow Walk: Friday, November 7, 2025, at 5:30 PM – Stephen Decatur Park
6. Comments from Staff
6. Comments from the Commission
7. Adjournment

Upcoming Meeting/Event Schedule:

Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 4:30 PM

Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 4:30 PM

Friday, November 7, 2025, at 5:30 PM – Berlin Glow Walk

**Berlin Town Hall, 10 William Street, Berlin, MD 21811**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**410-641-4314 for more information**

Parks Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, July 1, 2025

**4:30 PM            REGULAR SESSION – Berlin Town Hall Council Chambers**

**Commission Members Present:** Patricia Dufendach, Kristen Gerhart, and Melissa Gillespie

**Members Absent:** Corey Davis and Laura Stearns

**Staff Present:** Public Works Superintendent Cody Chesser and Special Projects Administrator Kate Daub

This meeting was also broadcast live via Facebook. Special Projects Administrator Kate Daub called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 PM.

Ms. Daub presented the meeting minutes from March 4, 2025, for approval. Ms. Dufendach made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Gerhart, and passed without any objections.

Speaker 3 called the Parks Commission meeting to order, noting that the July agenda was relatively light. Speaker 6 added that before proceeding with the day's main presentation, the commission first needed to formally approve the minutes. Speaker 1 quickly moved to approve the minutes from Tuesday, May 6th, and the motion was carried.

Public Works Superintendent Cody Chesser introduced Parker Gill, a member of Boy Scout Troop 261, who proposed an Eagle Scout project to rebuild two bridges on the pond side of Stephen Decatur Park. Mr. Chesser noted that while the town had plans to replace the bridges, Parker had proactively volunteered to lead the project. Ms. Daub mentioned that Parker's submitted materials were not included in the public packet but were available in printed form for review.

Parker introduced himself and outlined the materials he planned to use for the project. He shared photos showing the deteriorated condition of the existing bridges, highlighting missing railings, structural instability, and overgrowth. He noted that some railings were loose and that vegetation had encroached on the bridges.

He then reviewed his blueprint, explaining that he had widened the bridges by moving the posts outward by 6–8 inches to accommodate service vehicles. He also modified the railing design from vertical to horizontal, aiming for a simpler, sturdier solution. Additionally, he planned to use U-brackets to secure the side posts to the beams, noting they would provide stronger support than standard L-brackets.

**Ms. Dufendach** asked how the posts were anchored and whether they were connected to the ground. **Parker** explained that the posts were not grounded but secured to the decking and main beam using brackets. **Mr. Chesser** clarified that the existing beams would remain in place, and Parker would replace the decking and side rails while shifting the posts to the outside of the current structure.

Ms. Dufendach commented that the new design made sense and complemented the use of horizontal beams, noting that they would be less prone to damage. Mr. Chesser and Parker agreed, explaining that

the existing thin vertical beams were easily dislodged, whereas the new horizontal beams would be thicker and more durable.

Ms. Dufendach praised Parker's design as both attractive and well thought out. When asked, Parker confirmed that he had drawn the blueprint himself, using a ruler and pencil, with limited assistance on the 3D elements, and had otherwise planned the project independently. Ms. Dufendach commended him for not only aiming to repair the bridges but to improve them.

Parker then presented his preliminary budget, which included wood, brackets, bolts, nails, and screws. He said he planned to source materials through donations from stores like Home Depot and Adkins, which had supported previous Eagle Scout projects, and might also solicit financial support from friends and family via a letter campaign. Ms. Gillespie asked whether the materials would be treated lumber or composite, and Parker confirmed he would use treated wood, consistent with the original bridges.

Mr. Chesser said that when the project begins, a town representative, either himself or another staff member, would be on-site. He added that the town would provide power tools and equipment as needed, but due to safety regulations, staff would likely operate the power tools depending on what the scouts were allowed to use. He confirmed that most of the necessary tools and supplies were already available.

Ms. Dufendach asked Parker what inspired the project. Parker said that he enjoys visiting parks with friends and walking in natural areas, particularly national and state parks. He explained that growing up near Shenandoah National Park influenced his appreciation for outdoor spaces. He said that while walking in Stephen Decatur Park with his father, he noticed the damaged bridges, particularly the broken vertical railings, which drew his attention.

Ms. Dufendach cautioned Parker about the presence of poison ivy near the bridges. Parker said that clearing overgrowth would be a key part of the plan and that he would divide the scouts into groups, some to dismantle the bridges, others to remove vegetation. He emphasized that scouts would wear gloves and long pants to ensure safety.

Ms. Daub reminded Parker that once he identified the scout crew who would assist with the work, he would need to submit Hold Harmless waivers for each participant, as required by the town for liability purposes. Parker said he planned to distribute the waivers electronically for scouts to print and bring on the workday. He added that his father, Jeremy Gill, would help distribute and collect the forms, including from parents if needed. Ms. Daub said that while the waiver process is largely a formality, it is essential and must be completed before any work begins.

Ms. Dufendach asked when the bridge work was planned to begin. Parker said he aimed to schedule construction from mid- to late August, ideally completing the project by the end of the month. He added that, if necessary, he could reserve both a Friday and the following Saturday, starting around 8 or 9 a.m. and finishing in the evening, noting that Saturday work would be limited to noon or 1 p.m. Mr. Chesser said planning would be easier once a concrete date was set, but indicated he could be available on a Saturday if needed.

Ms. Dufendach reminded the group about a small tree near the first bridge that needed to be removed. Mr. Chesser confirmed the concern, explaining that the tree's roots were beginning to encroach on the bridge area and could pose long-term issues.

Parker then asked about a tradition he had seen in many Eagle Scout projects: installing a small metal plaque with the scout's name, project date, and troop number. Ms. Daub said this would be acceptable, but clarified that the design would need prior approval. She emphasized that any approved plaque would still require final approval from the Mayor and Council.

Following the discussion, Ms. Dufendach made a motion to approve the Stephen Decatur Park Bridge Rehabilitation project as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gerhart and unanimously approved.

Ms. Daub shifted the discussion to the upcoming National Night Out, scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, 2025. She reminded the group that the Parks Commission traditionally participates by hosting a vendor table with a craft or giveaway. This year, she invited the group to consider a different type of activity.

Although Ms. Stearns—who was not in attendance—had suggested distributing tree seedlings instead of the usual seed packets, Ms. Daub noted that research showed this would exceed the current budget. As an alternative, she proposed giving away succulent plants, which are affordable, kid-friendly, and easy to maintain. She suggested branding the giveaway as “Be a Succulent Superstar”, accompanied by simple care instructions emphasizing that succulents require minimal sunlight and watering every two to three weeks.

The group supported the idea and agreed to proceed with the succulent craft giveaway for the event.

Mr. Chesser noted that feedback on the improvements at Henry Park had been overwhelmingly positive. Ms. Dufendach emphasized the high level of activity the park was experiencing and praised the effort that had gone into making the space enjoyable. She also noted that Stephen Decatur Park was busy, especially with pickleball and tennis players. She said the courts were used both early in the morning and late at night, especially given the hot midday temperatures. She added that the investments in the courts appeared to be paying off.

Ms. Gerhart inquired about the status of the four-park teeter-totter scheduled for painting. Mr. Chesser explained that the equipment had been entrusted to local artist Jess Hall, who was working on the design. During disassembly, some parts broke, necessitating replacement hardware. He added that the unit is expected to be ready for reinstallation within a couple of weeks.

Ms. Dufendach provided an update on the ongoing clean-up efforts, particularly focusing on trimming and removing poison ivy. She expressed appreciation to those who addressed the issue, noting that she now feels more comfortable walking through the area. She also observed that people, including many newcomers, have been playing disc golf regularly in the mornings.

The discussion then turned to the purple climbing structure. Mr. Chesser reported that it had been removed and replaced with new equipment. Although weather-related delays have slowed progress, he

expects the surface and borders to be restored soon, making the playground fully usable in about a week.

Finally, Ms. Daub provided an update on the Berlin Skate Park project, announcing that the grant application window is now open. She stated that the team is working closely with We Heart Berlin to pursue funding opportunities and noted that the Mayor and Council had approved a Land and Water Conservation Fund application in June 2025. She concluded by saying they plan to submit a Community Parks and Playgrounds grant application in August.

With no further questions or comments, Ms. Daub requested a motion to adjourn. On a motion made by Ms. Dufendach and seconded by Ms. Gerhart, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Daub  
Special Projects Administrator

# Stephen Decatur Park



## NEW Tree Top & Wall Climber

After a long delay, the new equipment is now ready for use!  
Please note that cones are still placed along the path due to standing water.  
Enter the play area from the pavilion or playground side.  
Public Works plans to improve the landscaping in the coming weeks.







## Stephen Decatur Park Nature Trail Bridge Restoration

A big thank you to Parker Gill,  
members of Life Scout Troop 26I,  
as well as the Town of Berlin  
Public Works Department for their  
dedication and hard work in  
repairing the natural trail  
bridges at Stephen Decatur Park!







Free Library Box  
Vincent Schicchi, , Eagle Scout Troop 225  
Stephen Decatur Park



Town of Berlin  
**Henry Park**  
 127 Flower Street  
 Berlin, MD 21811

Inspector: Bert Statum  
 Inspection Type: CPSI Inspection  
 Completed On: 08/27/2025  
 # of Issues: 20

## Inventory



### 2-5 Purple and Blue Unit

Category: Playground Equipment  
 Type: Climbing Equipment  
 Equipment: Composite structure  
 Manufacturer: GameTime  
 Age Group: 2 - 5



### 2-5 Spring Riders

Category: Playground Equipment  
 Type: Spring Items  
 Equipment: Sitting spring rider  
 Manufacturer: GameTime  
 Age Group: 2 - 5



### 5-12 Net Spinner

Category: Playground Equipment  
 Type: Motion Items  
 Equipment: Spinner  
 Manufacturer: GameTime  
 Age Group: 5 - 12



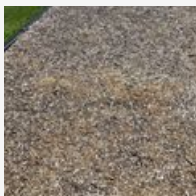
### 5-12 Play Structure

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 Type: Climbing Equipment  
 Equipment: Composite structure  
 Manufacturer: GameTime  
 Age Group: 5 - 12



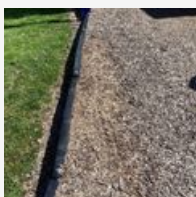
### 5-12 Spring Balance Beam

Category: Playground Equipment  
 Type: Other  
 Equipment: Balance Beam  
 Manufacturer: GameTime  
 Age Group: 5 - 12



### EWF Surface

Category: Surface  
 Type: Loose fill  
 Equipment: EWF  
 Manufacturer: Unknown/None  
 Age Group: All



### Plastic Border

Category: Perimeter  
 Type: Perimeter  
 Equipment: Plastic Curb  
 Manufacturer: Unknown/None  
 Age Group: All





### Seat Spinner

Category: Playground Equipment  
Type: Motion Items  
Equipment: Spinner  
Manufacturer: GameTime  
Age Group: 5 - 12



### Swings

Category: Playground Equipment  
Type: Swings  
Equipment: Arch swing  
Manufacturer: GameTime  
Age Group: 5 - 12

## Issues Summary



### No signage - 5-12 Net Spinner

Part: Entire unit      Reported By: Bert Statum  
Action: Add New Labels      Created On: 08/27/2025  
Priority: 3  
Comments: No age appropriate and safety warning labels posted.



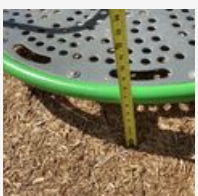
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### Non Compliant - 5-12 Play Structure

Part: Deck      Reported By: Bert Statum  
Action: Correct      Created On: 08/27/2025  
Priority: 4  
Comments: Transfer decks should be 11-18 inches above the play surface. First step to deck should be no higher than 8 inches.





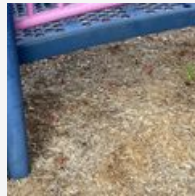
**Insufficient Surface Depth - 5-12 Net Spinner**

Part:	Entire unit	Reported By:	Bert Statum
Action:	Add surface level	Created On:	08/27/2025
Priority:	4		
Comments:	Surface is low around net spinner.		



**Weeds - EWF Surface**

Part:	Other - See Comments	Reported By:	Bert Statum
Action:	Remove	Created On:	08/27/2025
Priority:	4		
Comments:	Grass and other plant growth are growing in play area.		



**Insufficient Surface Depth - Swings**

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Priority:	4		
Comments:	Surface is low underneath swings.		

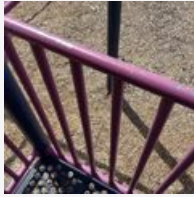






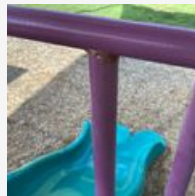
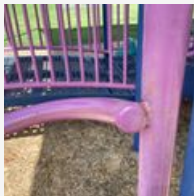
**Worn - 2-5 Purple and Blue Unit**

Part: **Paint** Reported By: **Bert Statum**  
Action: **Repair** Created On: **08/27/2025**  
Priority: **4**  
Comments: **Paint has worn exposing bare metal.**



**Rusted - 2-5 Purple and Blue Unit**

Part: **Handrail** Reported By: **Bert Statum**  
Action: **Repair** Created On: **08/27/2025**  
Priority: **4**  
Comments: **Handrails are rusting where rails are welded.**



**Head entrapment - 5-12 Play Structure**

Part: **Handrail** Reported By: **Bert Statum**  
Action: **Reposition** Created On: **08/27/2025**  
Priority: **1**  
Comments: **Gap between handrail and main structure post allows torso probe to pass. This has potential for life threatening head entrapment injuries. Recommend repairing immediately. Gaps should be less than 3.5 inches apart. Recommend repositioning handrail at the bottom.**



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### Loose - 5-12 Play Structure

Part: **Hardware**      Reported By: **Bert Statum**  
Action: **Tighten**      Created On: **08/27/2025**  
Priority: **4**  
Comments: **Hardware is loose that secures roof post.**



### Cut - 5-12 Play Structure

Part: **Panel**      Reported By: **Bert Statum**  
Action: **Repair**      Created On: **08/27/2025**  
Priority: **4**  
Comments: **Plastic barrier has a cut which has potential for creating sharp edges.**



### Rusted - Swings

Part: **Chain**      Reported By: **Bert Statum**  
Action: **Replace**      Created On: **08/27/2025**  
Priority: **4**  
Comments: **Swing chains have rusted. Recommend replacing.**



### Rusted - Swings

Part: **Seat**      Reported By: **Bert Statum**  
Action: **Replace**      Created On: **08/27/2025**  
Priority: **3**  
Comments: **Belt seats are worn and brackets have rusted.**





### Sharp edge - 5-12 Play Structure

Part: Coating  
Action: Repair  
Priority: 3  
Comments:

Reported By: Bert Statum  
Created On: 08/27/2025

Inspector has identified coating under decks and stairs with sharp points creating potential for cut injuries. Recommend grinding/trimming clean at earliest convenience.



### Sharp edge - Swings

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Action: Replace  
Priority: 3  
Comments:

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Created On: 08/27/2025

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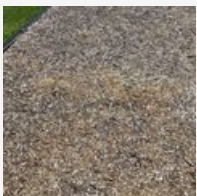


### Dirty - 2-5 Purple and Blue Unit

Part: Deck  
Action: Clean  
Priority: 4  
Comments:

Reported By: Bert Statum  
Created On: 08/27/2025

Decks and stairs are dirty and mildewed. Recommend pressure washing.



### Standing water - EWF Surface

Part: Other - See  
Comments  
Action: Correct drainage  
Priority: 4  
Comments:

Reported By: Bert Statum

Created On: 08/27/2025

Surface is very damp at ramped entrance.







#### Fungus - EWF Surface

Part: Other - See Comments      Reported By: Bert Statum  
Action: Remove      Created On: 08/27/2025  
Priority: 3  
Comments: Fungus/mushrooms growing on play surface.



#### Trip hazard - Plastic Border

Part: Other - See Comments      Reported By: Bert Statum  
Action: Repair      Created On: 08/27/2025  
Priority: 3  
Comments: Border spikes sticking up have potential for trip and cut injuries.



## Questions

### LF Safety Inspection

1. Are warning labels and age appropriate signage present and legible? ASTM Section 14, CPSC 2.2.6  
2 issues



#### No signage - 5-12 Net Spinner

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Comments: No age appropriate and safety warning labels posted.







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## 2. Does equipment have proper use zones? ASTM Section 9, CPSC 5.3 1 issue



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## 3. Is loose fill surfacing level and at proper depth? CPSC 2.4.2.2 and Table 2 3 issues



### Insufficient Surface Depth - 5-12 Net Spinner

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Priority: 4  
Comments: Surface is low around net spinner.

Reported By: Bert Statum  
Created On: 08/27/2025





#### Weeds - EWF Surface

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Action: Remove  
Created On: 08/27/2025  
Priority: 4  
Comments: Grass and other plant growth are growing in play area.



#### Insufficient Surface Depth - Swings

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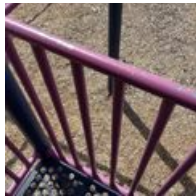


4. Are metal surfaces free of rust and loose paint? ASTM 4.1.1, CPSC 2.5.3; 2.5.4  
2 issues



#### Worn - 2-5 Purple and Blue Unit

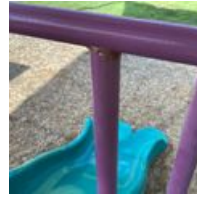
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Comments: Handrails are rusting where rails are welded.



5. Are coatings not peeling and in good condition?  
0 issues
6. Is equipment free of entanglement hazards and protrusions? ASTM 6.3, 6.4, CPSC 3.2  
0 issues
7. Is equipment free of openings that can cause head and neck entrapments? [use probes] ASTM 6.1, CPSC 3.3  
2 issues



#### Head entrapment - 5-12 Play Structure

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8. Are bolt ends less than two threads, rounded and smooth? ASTM 6.4.3, CPSC 3.2  
0 issues
9. Is hardware present, tight and fully engaged including cap ends? ASTM 4.2.2, CPSC 2.5.2  
1 issue



#### Loose - 5-12 Play Structure

Part: Hardware      Reported By: Bert Statum  
Action: Tighten      Created On: 08/27/2025  
Priority: 4  
Comments: Hardware is loose that secures roof post.



10. Are plastic components free of cracks or excessive wear?  
1 issue



#### Cut - 5-12 Play Structure

Part: Panel      Reported By: Bert Statum  
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11. Is the equipment free of any insect or animal infestation?  
0 issues
12. Is equipment free of crush and shear hazards? ASTM 6.5, CPSC 3.1  
0 issues
13. Are chains not twisted and free of excessive wear?  
1 issue



#### Rusted - Swings

Part: Chain      Reported By: Bert Statum  
Action: Replace      Created On: 08/27/2025  
Priority: 4  
Comments: Swing chains have rusted. Recommend replacing.



14. Are s-hooks not worn and closed to within .04 of an inch? ASTM 6.4.5, CPSC 5.3.8.1  
0 issues
15. Are swing hangers and bushings free of excessive wear? ASTM 8.6.3  
0 issues
16. Are all swing seats including tire, bucket etc. smooth and in good condition? ASTM 8.6.4.1, CPSC 5.3.8.3.1, 5.3.8.3.2  
1 issue





### Rusted - Swings

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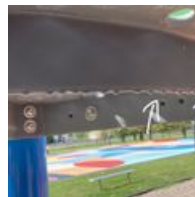
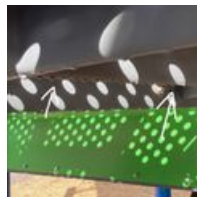


- 17. Are all pipe caps present on tubing ends? ASTM 6.2.2, CPSC 3.4  
0 issues
- 18. Are cables and ropes anchored and not unraveled or fraying? ASTM 4.2.3.1  
0 issues
- 19. Are elevated hand components at proper height for age group?  
0 issues
- 20. Are footings and anchoring devices secure and stable? ASTM 5.3, CPSC 2.6  
0 issues
- 21. Is equipment free of sharp points and edges? ASTM 6.2, CPSC 3.4  
2 issues



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Priority: 3  
Comments: Inspector has identified coating under decks and stairs with sharp points creating potential for cut injuries. Recommend grinding/trimming clean at earliest convenience.



### Sharp edge - Swings

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Action: Replace      Created On: 08/27/2025  
Priority: 3  
Comments: Seat brackets have worn creating sharp edges.



- 22. Are welds intact and crack free?  
0 issues
- 23. Are all play components properly installed and intact?  
0 issues

24. Are fittings and bearings functional, greased and squeak free? CPSC 2.5.2  
0 issues

25. Are stepping surfaces level, stable and clean?  
1 issue



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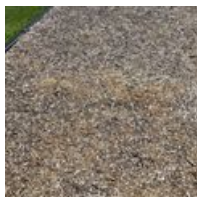


26. Are springs and rocking components in good shape?  
0 issues

27. Are tire seats lightweight, smooth and in good condition? CPSC 5.3.8.4  
0 issues

28. Is unitary surfacing intact, free of depressions and ruts?  
0 issues

29. Is surface drainage functional with no standing water?  
1 issue



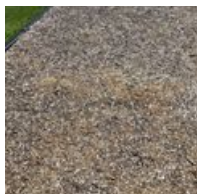
**Standing water - EWF Surface**

Part:	Other - See Comments	Reported By:	Bert Statum
Action:	Correct drainage	Created On:	08/27/2025
Priority:	4		
Comments:	Surface is very damp at ramped entrance.		



30. Is wood free of rot, splinters, warping or excessive wear? ASTM 4.1.3, CPSC 2.5.5  
0 issues

31. Is this area clear and free of any other issues?  
2 issues



**Fungus - EWF Surface**

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Action:	Remove	Created On:	08/27/2025
Priority:	3		
Comments:	Fungus/mushrooms growing on play surface.		





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Priority: 3  
Comments: Border spikes sticking up have potential for trip and cut injuries.



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#### Priority Key

##### High

1. Permanent disability, loss of life or body part  
*Condition should be corrected immediately.*
2. Serious injury resulting in temporary disability  
*Condition should be corrected as soon as possible.*
3. Minor (Non-Disabling) injury  
*Condition should be corrected when time permits.*
4. Potential for injury very minimal *Condition should be corrected if it worsens.*
5. Existing condition is compliant Low

##### Low





Town of Berlin  
**Stephen Decatur Park**  
 Tripoli Street  
 Berlin, MD 21811

Inspector: Bert Statum  
 Inspection Type: CPSI Inspection  
 Completed On: 08/27/2025  
 # of Issues: 30

## Inventory



### 2-5 Blue and Purple Overhead Climber

Category: Playground Equipment  
 Type: Climbing Equipment  
 Equipment: Overhead climber  
 Manufacturer: GameTime  
 Age Group: 2 - 5



### 2-5 Firetruck

Category: Playground Equipment  
 Type: Climbing Equipment  
 Equipment: Freestanding metal climber  
 Manufacturer: Unknown/None  
 Age Group: 2 - 5



### 2-5 Imaginative Panels

Category: Playground Equipment  
 Type: Other  
 Equipment: Imaginative Panels  
 Manufacturer: GameTime  
 Age Group: 2 - 5



### 2-5 Purple/Green/Blue Play Unit

Category: Playground Equipment  
 Type: Climbing Equipment  
 Equipment: Composite structure  
 Manufacturer: GameTime  
 Age Group: 2 - 5



### 2-5 Red Arch Climber

Category: Playground Equipment  
 Type: Climbing Equipment  
 Equipment: Freestanding metal climber  
 Manufacturer: Miracle  
 Age Group: 5 - 12



### 2-5 Spinners and Four Seat Rocker

Category: Playground Equipment  
 Type: User define  
 Equipment: User Define  
 Manufacturer: Unknown/None  
 Age Group: 2 - 5



### 2-5 Spring Area

Category: Playground Equipment  
 Type: Spring Items  
 Equipment: Sitting spring rider  
 Manufacturer: GameTime  
 Age Group: 2 - 5



### 5-12 Climbing Structure

Category: Playground Equipment  
Type: Climbing Equipment  
Equipment: Composite Structure, Climber  
Manufacturer: GameTime  
Age Group: 5 - 12



### 5-12 Four Way Spring Rocker

Category: Playground Equipment  
Type: Spring Items  
Equipment: Stand. spring rider  
Manufacturer: Landscape Structures  
Age Group: 5 - 12



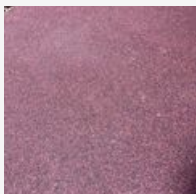
### 5-12 Large Structure

Category: Playground Equipment  
Type: Climbing Equipment  
Equipment: Composite structure  
Manufacturer: GameTime  
Age Group: 5 - 12



### Ground Peg Climber

Category: Playground Equipment  
Type: Climbing Equipment  
Equipment: Plastic Climber  
Manufacturer: GameTime  
Age Group: 2 - 12



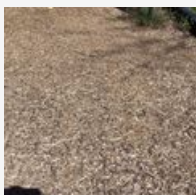
### P-i-P Safety Surface

Category: Surface  
Type: Unitary  
Equipment: Poured Rubber  
Manufacturer: Unknown/None  
Age Group: All



### Plastic Border

Category: Perimeter  
Type: Perimeter  
Equipment: Plastic Curb  
Manufacturer: Unknown/None  
Age Group: All



### Safety Surface

Category: Surface  
Type: Loose fill  
Equipment: EWF  
Manufacturer: Unknown/None  
Age Group: All



### Standing Net Spinner

Category: Playground Equipment  
Type: Motion Items  
Equipment: Spinner  
Manufacturer: GameTime  
Age Group: 5 - 12



### Tot Swing

Category: Playground Equipment  
Type: Swings  
Equipment: Bucket  
Manufacturer: Unknown/None  
Age Group: 2 - 5



### Two Bay Swing

Category: Playground Equipment  
Type: Swings  
Equipment: Belt  
Manufacturer: Unknown/None  
Age Group: 5 - 12

## Issues Summary



### No signage - Two Bay Swing

Part: Entire unit  
Action: Add New Labels  
Priority: 3  
Comments: No age appropriate and safety warning labels posted.

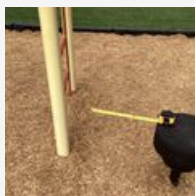
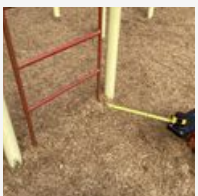
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Created On: 08/27/2025



### Non Compliant - 5-12 Climbing Structure

Part: Steppers  
Action: Correct  
Priority: 3  
Comments: For structure to be functionally linked, components should be no more than 18 inches apart.

Reported By: Bert Statum  
Created On: 08/27/2025



### Non Compliant - 2-5 Blue and Purple Overhead Climber

Part: Plastic slide  
Action: Add surface level  
Priority: 4  
Comments: Slides hung greater than 48 inches above the play surface should be 7-15 inches high at the slide exit.

Reported By: Bert Statum  
Created On: 08/27/2025





**Insufficient Surface Depth - 5-12 Climbing Structure**

Part: Entire unit      Reported By: Bert Statum  
Action: Add surface level      Created On: 08/27/2025  
Priority: 4  
Comments: Surface is low around climbing structure.



**Insufficient Surface Depth - 2-5 Blue and Purple Overhead Climber**

Part: Entire unit      Reported By: Bert Statum  
Action: Add surface level      Created On: 08/27/2025  
Priority: 4  
Comments: Surface is low throughout play structure. A minimum of 9 inches in depth is recommended when using EWF.



**Rusted - 2-5 Blue and Purple Overhead Climber**

Part: Handrail      Reported By: Bert Statum  
Action: Repair      Created On: 08/27/2025  
Priority: 4  
Comments: Handrails are rusting where rails are welded.







### Worn - 5-12 Climbing Structure

Part: **Paint** Reported By: **Bert Statum**  
Action: **Repair** Created On: **08/27/2025**  
Priority: **4**  
Comments: **Paint has worn exposing bare metal.**



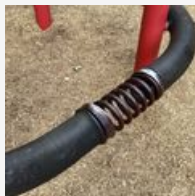
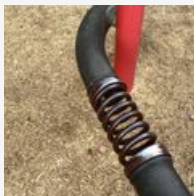
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Action: **Repair** Created On: **08/27/2025**  
Priority: **4**  
Comments: **Paint has worn exposing bare metal.**



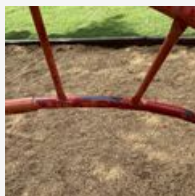
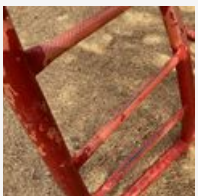
### Worn - 5-12 Four Way Spring Rocker

Part: **Coating** Reported By: **Bert Statum**  
Action: **Repair** Created On: **08/27/2025**  
Priority: **4**  
Comments: **Paint has worn exposing bare metal.**



### Worn - 2-5 Red Arch Climber

Part: **Paint** Reported By: **Bert Statum**  
Action: **Repair** Created On: **08/27/2025**  
Priority: **4**  
Comments: **Paint has worn exposing bare metal.**

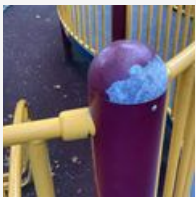




### Worn - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Paint  
Action: Repair  
Priority: 4  
Comments: Paint has worn and chipped exposing bare metal.

Reported By: Bert Statum  
Created On: 08/27/2025



### Worn - Tot Swing

Part: Coating  
Action: Repair  
Priority: 4  
Comments: Paint has worn on top rail exposing bare metal.

Reported By: Bert Statum  
Created On: 08/27/2025



### Damaged - 5-12 Four Way Spring Rocker

Part: Coating  
Action: Repair  
Priority: 4  
Comments: Coating is damaged in a couple of places.

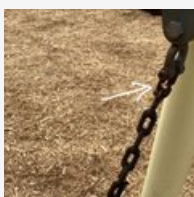
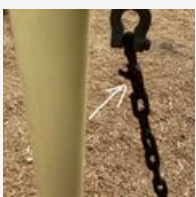
Reported By: Bert Statum  
Created On: 08/27/2025



### Worn - 5-12 Climbing Structure

Part: Coating  
Action: Replace  
Priority: 3  
Comments: Coating on chain has deteriorated creating a potential for sharp edge cuts.

Reported By: Bert Statum  
Created On: 08/27/2025





#### Head entrapment - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Other - See Comments

Reported By: Bert Statum

Action: Reposition

Created On: 08/27/2025

Priority: 2

Comments: Gap between drums allows torso probe to pass. This has potential for serious head entrapment injuries. Recommend repairing immediately. Gaps should be less than 3.5 inches apart or greater than 9 inches apart. Recommend repositioning drums as far apart as possible or touching together.



#### Head entrapment - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Other - See Comments

Reported By: Bert Statum

Action: Correct

Created On: 08/27/2025

Priority: 1

Comments: Hole where small component has been removed allows torso probe to pass. This has potential for life threatening head entrapment injuries. Recommend repairing immediately. Gaps should be less than 3.5 inches apart.



#### Missing - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Hardware

Reported By: Bert Statum

Action: Replace

Created On: 08/27/2025

Priority: 4

Comments: Hardware caps are missing on both sides.



#### Loose - Ground Peg Climber

Part: Hand

Reported By: Bert Statum

Action: Grips

Created On: 08/27/2025

Priority: 4

Comments: Hand grip is loose.



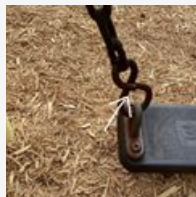




#### Non Compliant - 5-12 Climbing Structure

Part: Hardware  
Action: Repair  
Priority: 4  
Comments: S hooks are closed incorrectly. Top loop should not cover the bottom loop.

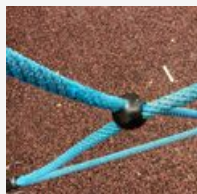
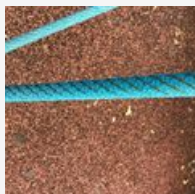
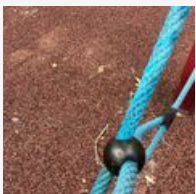
Reported By: Bert Statum  
Created On: 08/27/2025



#### Worn - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Rope  
Action: Replace  
Priority: 4  
Comments: Ropes have significant wear where inner metal cable is exposed.

Reported By: Bert Statum  
Created On: 08/27/2025



#### Non Compliant - 5-12 Climbing Structure

Part: Metal overhead climber  
Action: Add surface level  
Priority: 4  
Comments: Overhead hand components should be no higher than 84 inches above the play surface.

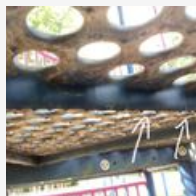
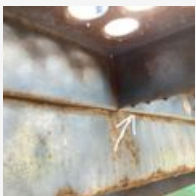
Reported By: Bert Statum  
Created On: 08/27/2025



#### Sharp edge - 2-5 Blue and Purple Overhead Climber

Part: Coating  
Action: Repair  
Priority: 3  
Comments: Inspector has identified coating under decks and stairs with sharp points creating potential for cut injuries. Recommend grinding/trimming clean at earliest convenience.

Reported By: Bert Statum  
Created On: 08/27/2025







**Sharp edge - 5-12 Large Structure**

Part: Coating      Reported By: Bert Statum  
Action: Repair      Created On: 08/27/2025  
Priority: 3  
Comments: Inspector has identified coating under decks and stairs with sharp points creating potential for cut injuries. Recommend grinding/trimming clean at earliest convenience.



**Cracked - 5-12 Large Structure**

Part: Cap      Reported By: Bert Statum  
Action: Replace      Created On: 08/27/2025  
Priority: 5  
Comments: Rubber cap is cracking on both sides.



**Dirty - 2-5 Blue and Purple Overhead Climber**

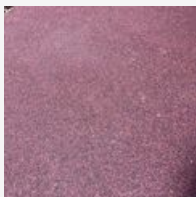
Part: Deck      Reported By: Bert Statum  
Action: Clean      Created On: 08/27/2025  
Priority: 3  
Comments: Decks and stairs are extremely dirty and mildewed. Recommend pressure washing.





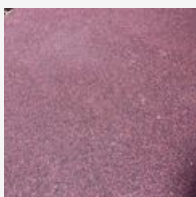
### Loose - 2-5 Spring Area

Part: Spring      Reported By: Bert Statum  
Action: Repair      Created On: 08/27/2025  
Priority: 4  
Comments: Spring is loose at surface base.



### Trip hazard - P-i-P Safety Surface

Part: Other - See Comments      Reported By: Bert Statum  
Action: Repair      Created On: 08/27/2025  
Priority: 4  
Comments: Sections of rubber surface have separated creating a potential for tripping injuries.



### Dirty - P-i-P Safety Surface

Part: Other - See Comments      Reported By: Bert Statum  
Action: Clean      Created On: 08/27/2025  
Priority: 3  
Comments: Rubber surface under and around play structure is extremely dirty and mildewed throughout. Recommend pressure washing.



### Missing - Plastic Border

Part: Other - See Comments      Reported By: Bert Statum  
Action: Replace      Created On: 08/27/2025  
Priority: 4  
Comments: Spikes are missing that keep borders together.





### Dirty - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Entire unit  
Action: Clean  
Priority: 3  
Comments: Entire structure is extremely dirty and mildewed throughout. Recommend pressure washing at earliest convenience.

Reported By: Bert Statum  
Created On: 08/27/2025



## Questions

### LF Safety Inspection

1. Are warning labels and age appropriate signage present and legible? ASTM Section 14, CPSC 2.2.6  
1 issue



### No signage - Two Bay Swing

Part: Entire unit  
Action: Add New Labels  
Priority: 3  
Comments: No age appropriate and safety warning labels posted.

Reported By: Bert Statum  
Created On: 08/27/2025



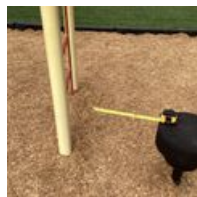
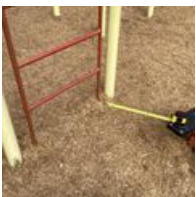
2. Does equipment have proper use zones? ASTM Section 9, CPSC 5.3  
2 issues



### Non Compliant - 5-12 Climbing Structure

Part: Steppers  
Action: Correct  
Priority: 3  
Comments: For structure to be functionally linked, components should be no more than 18 inches apart.

Reported By: Bert Statum  
Created On: 08/27/2025







### Non Compliant - 2-5 Blue and Purple Overhead Climber

Part: Plastic slide  
Action: Add surface level  
Priority: 4  
Comments: Slides hung greater than 48 inches above the play surface should be 7-15 inches high at the slide exit.

Reported By: Bert Statum  
Created On: 08/27/2025



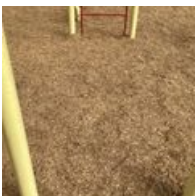
### 3. Is loose fill surfacing level and at proper depth? CPSC 2.4.2.2 and Table 2 2 issues



### Insufficient Surface Depth - 5-12 Climbing Structure

Part: Entire unit  
Action: Add surface level  
Priority: 4  
Comments: Surface is low around climbing structure.

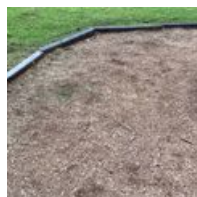
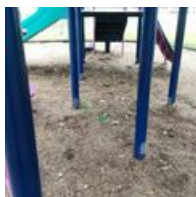
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### Insufficient Surface Depth - 2-5 Blue and Purple Overhead Climber

Part: Entire unit  
Action: Add surface level  
Priority: 4  
Comments: Surface is low throughout play structure. A minimum of 9 inches in depth is recommended when using EWF.

Reported By: Bert Statum  
Created On: 08/27/2025



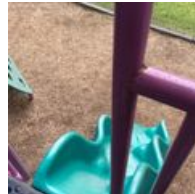
### 4. Are metal surfaces free of rust and loose paint? ASTM 4.1.1, CPSC 2.5.3; 2.5.4 7 issues





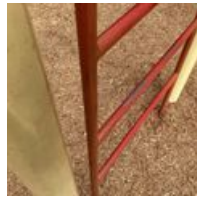
#### Rusted - 2-5 Blue and Purple Overhead Climber

Part: Handrail      Reported By: Bert Statum  
Action: Repair      Created On: 08/27/2025  
Priority: 4  
Comments: Handrails are rusting where rails are welded.



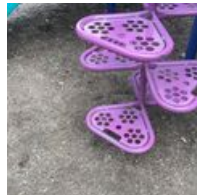
#### Worn - 5-12 Climbing Structure

Part: Paint      Reported By: Bert Statum  
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Priority: 4  
Comments: Paint has worn exposing bare metal.



#### Worn - 2-5 Blue and Purple Overhead Climber

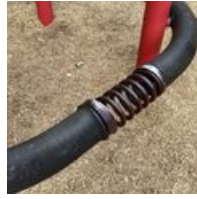
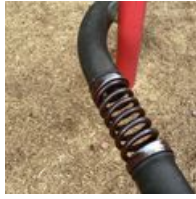
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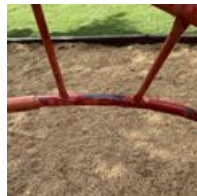
#### Worn - 5-12 Four Way Spring Rocker

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Action: Repair      Created On: 08/27/2025  
Priority: 4  
Comments: Paint has worn exposing bare metal.



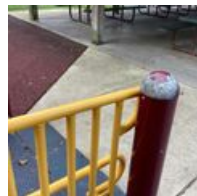
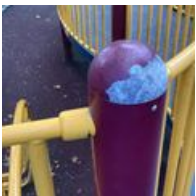
#### Worn - 2-5 Red Arch Climber

Part: Paint      Reported By: Bert Statum  
Action: Repair      Created On: 08/27/2025  
Priority: 4  
Comments: Paint has worn exposing bare metal.



#### Worn - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Paint      Reported By: Bert Statum  
Action: Repair      Created On: 08/27/2025  
Priority: 4  
Comments: Paint has worn and chipped exposing bare metal.



#### Worn - Tot Swing

Part: Coating      Reported By: Bert Statum  
Action: Repair      Created On: 08/27/2025  
Priority: 4  
Comments: Paint has worn on top rail exposing bare metal.



5. Are coatings not peeling and in good condition?  
2 issues



#### Damaged - 5-12 Four Way Spring Rocker

Part: Coating      Reported By: Bert Statum  
Action: Repair      Created On: 08/27/2025  
Priority: 4  
Comments: Coating is damaged in a couple of places.



#### Worn - 5-12 Climbing Structure

Part: Coating      Reported By: Bert Statum  
Action: Replace      Created On: 08/27/2025  
Priority: 3  
Comments: Coating on chain has deteriorated creating a potential for sharp edge cuts.



6. Is equipment free of entanglement hazards and protrusions? ASTM 6.3, 6.4, CPSC 3.2  
0 issues
7. Is equipment free of openings that can cause head and neck entrapments? [use probes] ASTM 6.1, CPSC 3.3  
2 issues



#### Head entrapment - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Other - See Comments      Reported By: Bert Statum  
Action: Reposition      Created On: 08/27/2025  
Priority: 2  
Comments: Gap between drums allows torso probe to pass. This has potential for serious head entrapment injuries. Recommend repairing immediately. Gaps should be less than 3.5 inches apart or greater than 9 inches apart. Recommend repositioning drums as far apart as possible or touching together.





#### Head entrapment - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Other - See Comments

Action: Correct

Priority: 1

Comments: Hole where small component has been removed allows torso probe to pass. This has potential for life threatening head entrapment injuries. Recommend repairing immediately. Gaps should be less than 3.5 inches apart.

Reported By:

Bert Statum

Created On:

08/27/2025



8. Are bolt ends less than two threads, rounded and smooth? ASTM 6.4.3, CPSC 3.2

0 issues

9. Is hardware present, tight and fully engaged including cap ends? ASTM 4.2.2, CPSC 2.5.2

2 issues



#### Missing - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Hardware

Reported By:

Bert Statum

Action: Replace

Created On:

08/27/2025

Priority: 4

Comments: Hardware caps are missing on both sides.



#### Loose - Ground Peg Climber

Part: Hand

Reported By:

Bert Statum

Action: Grips

Created On:

08/27/2025

Priority: 4

Comments: Hand grip is loose.



10. Are plastic components free of cracks or excessive wear?

0 issues

11. Is the equipment free of any insect or animal infestation?

0 issues

12. Is equipment free of crush and shear hazards? ASTM 6.5, CPSC 3.1

0 issues

13. Are chains not twisted and free of excessive wear?

0 issues

14. Are s-hooks not worn and closed to within .04 of an inch? ASTM 6.4.5, CPSC 5.3.8.1

1 issue





#### Non Compliant - 5-12 Climbing Structure

Part: Hardware  
 Action: Repair  
 Priority: 4  
 Comments: S hooks are closed incorrectly. Top loop should not cover the bottom loop.

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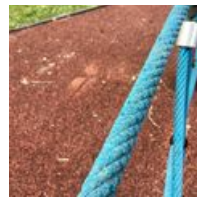
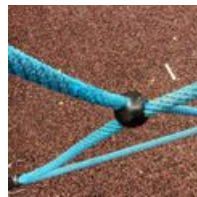
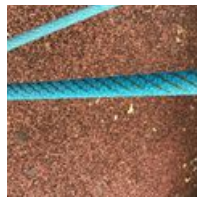
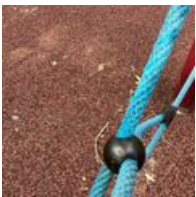
15. Are swing hangers and bushings free of excessive wear? ASTM 8.6.3  
0 issues
16. Are all swing seats including tire, bucket etc. smooth and in good condition? ASTM 8.6.4.1, CPSC 5.3.8.3.1, 5.3.8.3.2  
0 issues
17. Are all pipe caps present on tubing ends? ASTM 6.2.2, CPSC 3.4  
0 issues
18. Are cables and ropes anchored and not unraveled or fraying? ASTM 4.2.3.1  
1 issue



#### Worn - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Rope  
 Action: Replace  
 Priority: 4  
 Comments: Ropes have significant wear where inner metal cable is exposed.

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19. Are elevated hand components at proper height for age group?  
1 issue



#### Non Compliant - 5-12 Climbing Structure

Part: Metal overhead climber  
 Action: Add surface level  
 Priority: 4  
 Comments: Overhead hand components should be no higher than 84 inches above the play surface.

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20. Are footings and anchoring devices secure and stable? ASTM 5.3, CPSC 2.6  
0 issues
21. Is equipment free of sharp points and edges? ASTM 6.2, CPSC 3.4  
2 issues



#### Sharp edge - 2-5 Blue and Purple Overhead Climber

Part:	Coating	Reported By:	Bert Statum
Action:	Repair	Created On:	08/27/2025
Priority:	3		
Comments:	Inspector has identified coating under decks and stairs with sharp points creating potential for cut injuries. Recommend grinding/trimming clean at earliest convenience.		



#### Sharp edge - 5-12 Large Structure

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Action:	Repair	Created On:	08/27/2025
Priority:	3		
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22. Are welds intact and crack free?  
0 issues

23. Are all play components properly installed and intact?  
1 issue



#### Cracked - 5-12 Large Structure

Part:	Cap	Reported By:	Bert Statum
Action:	Replace	Created On:	08/27/2025
Priority:	5		
Comments:	Rubber cap is cracking on both sides.		



24. Are fittings and bearings functional, greased and squeak free? CPSC 2.5.2  
0 issues

25. Are stepping surfaces level, stable and clean?  
1 issue



#### Dirty - 2-5 Blue and Purple Overhead Climber

Part: Deck  
Action: Clean  
Priority: 3  
Comments: Decks and stairs are extremely dirty and mildewed. Recommend pressure washing.

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26. Are springs and rocking components in good shape?  
1 issue



#### Loose - 2-5 Spring Area

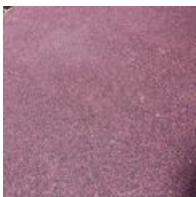
Part: Spring  
Action: Repair  
Priority: 4  
Comments: Spring is loose at surface base.

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27. Are tire seats lightweight, smooth and in good condition? CPSC 5.3.8.4  
0 issues

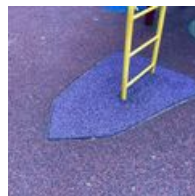
28. Is unitary surfacing intact, free of depressions and ruts?  
2 issues



#### Trip hazard - P-i-P Safety Surface

Part: Other - See Comments  
Action: Repair  
Priority: 4  
Comments: Sections of rubber surface have separated creating a potential for tripping injuries.

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#### Dirty - P-i-P Safety Surface

Part: Other - See Comments  
Action: Clean  
Priority: 3  
Comments: Rubber surface under and around play structure is extremely dirty and mildewed throughout. Recommend pressure washing.

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29. Is surface drainage functional with no standing water?  
0 issues

30. Is wood free of rot, splinters, warping or excessive wear? ASTM 4.1.3, CPSC 2.5.5  
0 issues

31. Is this area clear and free of any other issues?  
2 issues



#### Missing - Plastic Border

Part: Other - See Comments  
Action: Replace  
Priority: 4  
Comments: Spikes are missing that keep borders together.

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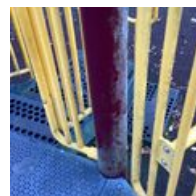
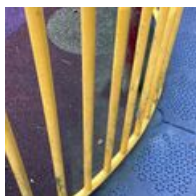
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#### Dirty - 5-12 Large Structure

Part: Entire unit  
Action: Clean  
Priority: 3  
Comments: Entire structure is extremely dirty and mildewed throughout. Recommend pressure washing at earliest convenience.

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#### Priority Key

##### High

1. Permanent disability, loss of life or body part  
*Condition should be corrected immediately.*
2. Serious injury resulting in temporary disability  
*Condition should be corrected as soon as possible.*
3. Minor (Non-Disabling) injury  
*Condition should be corrected when time permits.*
4. Potential for injury very minimal *Condition should be corrected if it worsens.*
5. Existing condition is compliant Low

##### Low

Henry Park Repairs - Inspection 8/27/2025		
Priority	Action Required	Date Repaired
1	Head Entrapments - New Unit * Warranty Issue *	Notified GT 9/2
3	Sharp Edge - New Unit Under Deck	
3	Replace Swing Seats/Chains	
3	Border Spikes Protruding	
3	Add Warning Stickers - Tree Climber And Swings	
3	Fungus/Mushrooms/Grass In Play Surface	
4	Tighten Hardware Roof Post - New Unit	
4	Sharp Edge - New Unit Plastic Barrier	
4	Bring EWF To Grade - All Areas	
4	Paint/Rust - Purple/Blue Unit	
4	Pressure Wash - Purple/Blue Unit	
4	Tighten Handrails - Red/Yellow Unit	
4	Water At Ramp Entrance	



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2025

# GLOW WALK

FRIDAY, NOV 7TH

STEPHEN DECATUR PARK

5:30 PM

Registration begins at 5 PM

Join us for our Fall Glow Walk event beginning at Stephen Decatur Park. Follow a 4.5-mile route around and through downtown Berlin. Participants are asked to bring & wear glow in the dark items to light up the night in a walk around the community!

