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**LOG OF MEETING**  
**DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES**

**SUBJECT:** Meeting of ASTM Subcommittee F15.29 for Public  
Playground Equipment

**DATE OF MEETING:** June 5-6, 1996    **PLACE:** ASTM Headquarters  
West Conshohocken, PA

**LOG ENTRY SOURCE:** John Preston, ES *JP*

**COMMISSION ATTENDEES:** John Preston, ES  
Mark Kumagai, ESME

**NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:**

Roger Amorosi, DTL	Kert Artwick, Game Time
Tony Barbetta, AARP	Jay Blanke, Sportsplay Equip't
Betsy Caesar, Playcare	Curtis Cleveland, Playworld
James Druck, Play Environments	Bill Duffy, NSSEA/PEMA
Jack Gonzenbach, Miracle	Esther Grossman, Custom Play
Mike Hayward, Little Tikes	Walt Henderson, Carlisle
Teri Hendy, Site Masters	Paul Hogan, Play Clearinghouse
Tom Williams, LA Steelcraft	Marylou Iverson, Iverson Assoc.
Tom Kalousek, Rockford Pk. Dis.	Peter Kells, Henderson Rec.
Guy Lyon, Little Tikes	Tom Norquist, Game Time
Jeff Olson, Kompan	Kevin Owens, Playworld
Robert Pepper, Childworks	Darryl Rarich, Playworld
Lloyd Reese, Little Tikes	Marcie Ridenour, Temple Univ.
Jean Schappet, Woodset	Barry Segal, Leathers & Assoc.
Larry Steingraber, BCI Burke	Robert Stluka, Miracle
Donna Thompson, U. of N. Iowa	Fran Wallach, Total Recreation
Dna Wiser, Community Play	Hans Boller, Coomunity Play
Bill Boedeker, Tenderfun	Gene Rauth, Playpal
Tracy Theems, Kompan	Mike Mullins, Children's Factory
Pat Benvenuti, UCPA	Gordon Henderson, Henderson Rec.
Libby Ungvary, ECELS/AAP	Susan Lorichlein, ECELS/AAP
Connie Jones, Child Care	Sue Bradley, AAP
Marcie Rogers, Consumer	

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

June 5th

The chairman summarized a letter from the ASTM F1410 Fencing Committee regarding fences for playgrounds which requested a height recommendation. It was suggested that the height should be between four and six feet.

In reports from other organizations, John Preston noted a recent drawstring strangulation death in a Boston playground. He reported that the ASTM Drawstring Subcommittee is trying to resolve many negative votes received in a recent ballot.

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The ASTM Surfacing Subcommittee has hired Beneficial Designs to perform testing for playground accessibility. Results are expected in November.

A report from NPSI noted that over 1,000 people have been certified as playground safety inspectors. It was reported that Penn State University offers a correspondence course on playground inspection.

The Soft Contained Playground Equipment Subcommittee was approved a section on maintenance. Accessibility will be balloted next.

It was reported that the Playground Equipment Manufacturers Association (PEMA) is changing its name because of a conflict with another association with the same initials. They have created an associate membership for persons who are not manufacturers and the annual dues will be \$250.

A report on the efforts to harmonize the ASTM and CSA playground equipments standards stated that the goal is to have a published standard early in 1997. The most recent draft of the harmonized standard was distributed and the various working groups of the F15.29 subcommittee were asked to review appropriate sections and to report back to the full subcommittee the next day.

#### June 6th

A presentation was made by a German manufacturer of playground equipment that currently does not meet the requirements in the ASTM F1487 standard. The manufacturer was instructed to meet with the working groups to discuss specific concerns.

In reports from the working groups that had met the previous day, it was stated that the Accessibility/Swings/Use Zones/Composite Structures working group had some disagreement on the dimensions of no-encroachment and use zones in the draft harmonized standard. The working group also does not accept the requirement for no overlapping of use zones on stationary equipment.

The Entrapment/Cable and Track Ride working group suggested only editorial changes to the draft harmonized standard. Similarly, the Materials/Rotating/Rocking Equipment working group had only editorial changes. This latter working group would like a discussion of requirements for sharp points and edges at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on September 11-12, 1996.

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