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Asking for forgiveness because you didn't want to ask for permission is exactly what the Harrisons have done with this deck.

The deck is completely out of place and totally unnecessary. It's an eyesore when you enter the park. The Harrisons previously ruined the pastoral feeling of the park by removing vegetation and trees that should have been left in place. They already have a deck off the upper level of their house and a patio off their lower level with a hot tub.

As a nearby neighbor and frequent visitor to Merrill Springs Park, the deck looms over that side of the park making it feel like the Harrisons and their guests are the "rulers" of the kingdom below.

Imagine how you would feel having a picnic in the park with your family and children and the Harrisons and their guests are sitting on that deck drinking and talking with music possibly in the background. If your children want to play games or just run around being kids, that deck is intimidating and ruins the feel of the park.

The deck should be removed completely.

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