

*Clifton Journal*  
**Clifton Skate Park  
should be free**

Why is it that communities around Clifton can maintain their skate parks without a fee or cost to those skateboarders and children who use the park

and Clifton wants to charge a fee to use this park (as they have done in the past)?

Passaic has a wonderful skate park - which is open and never locked and free to those who want to use it. Other towns like Midland Park, Mahwah, Old Tappan, Ridgewood, Tenafly, and Hoboken all have free skate parks.

There are no other pay-to-use parks where an individual (not a recognized league team) must pay to enter the park? Is it because this city wants it to fail before it opens or no one to use the park? Not only does Council want to charge to use this park, they want to hire an outside company to manage this park. One must wonder whose

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friend they want to reward with a city contract. Skate boarding is a recognized sport around the world and it is about time Clifton joins the pack.

Additionally, enough of the lies and playing the blame game. It is an absolute lie that the skate park hasn't opened due "to delays from Fort Lee in delivering the equipment Clifton purchased from them." As I have documented in my previous letter to the editor, Clifton was solely responsible for delays in cutting the check to Fort Lee until 7 months after the council approved the purchase and then took another several months to pick up the equipment. Shame on Clifton trying to blame Fort

Lee for this delay.

In an earlier *Clifton Journal* article, the administration was quoted as saying that the equipment was too big for the current space at the skate park (which was not reported in last week's article). What happened? Did the equipment by some miracle shrink or did the current space grow? Once again, the citizens of Clifton are entitled to the truth - the whole truth and nothing less. Shameful lies!

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