

Abilene Recreation Commission

August 21, 2023

Meeting Minutes

The Abilene Recreation Commission met on Monday, August 21, 2023 at 6:45a.m. at the Abilene Community Center. Present were Recreation Commission members Derek Berns, Angie Evans, Billy Hansen, Shawn Herrman and Director Kellee Timbrook. Shelly Crane was not in attendance.

Shawn Herrman, Chair, called the meeting to order. Billy Hansen moved to accept the June 19, 2023 meeting minutes as presented, Derek Berns seconded the motion, motion passed.

Kellee gave the update of the revenue and expense report for the commission through July 2023. Derek Berns made the motion to receive the Financial Report, Angie Evans seconded the motion, motion passed.

Under old business, Kellee updated the members on the Sports Complex Feasibility Study and Economic Impact Study. WSU is working on the final draft of the study with some revisions suggested by the planning committee. The next step will be presenting to the City Commission in November or December.

Under new business, Angie Evans motioned to open the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing, Billy Hansen seconded the motion, motion passed. Hearing no comments, Derek Berns motioned to approve exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate, Angie Evans seconded, motion passed. Roll call vote was taken and recorded. Derek Berns motioned to close the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing, Billy Hansen seconded, motion passed. Angie Evans motioned to open the Budget Hearing, Billy Hansen seconded motion passed. Hearing no comments, Derek Berns motioned to approve the 2024 Budget, keeping the mil rate flat at 3.35, Billy Hansen seconded, motion passed. Billy Hansen motioned to close the budget hearing, Angie Evans seconded, motion passed. Kellee informed the board that the RFP had been sent out for the recoating of the Community Center roof. 5 bids came in. Staff is recommending Solid Rock Roofing. This will go to City Commission approval on August 14. Work will be set for late fall if weather permits.

Under the Director's report, Kellee let the board know that we will be receiving a grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield Pathways to a Healthier Community. This will be done by adopting a resolution for tobacco-free parks and recreation areas. Youth fall sports were being finalized and would start Sept. 10 along with Jr. Cowboy football. The volleyball athletics academy would also be starting again on Sept. 21. Due to the extreme heat, the AHS football team and Jr. Cowboy football teams will be using the gym.

Having no further business, Angie Evans moved to adjourn the meeting, Billy Hansen seconded the motion, the motion passed.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 18, 2023 at 6:45 a.m.


Director


Chairman