

## Abilene Recreation Commission

April 15, 2024  
Meeting Minutes

The Abilene Recreation Commission met on Monday, February 12, 2024, at 6:45 a.m. at the Abilene Community Center. Present were Recreation Commission members Derek Berns, Billy Hansen, Shelly Crane, Angie Evans, Shawn Herrman, and Director Kellee Timbrook.

Derek Berns, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order. Billy Hansen moved to accept the February 12, 2024 meeting minutes as presented, Shelly Crane seconded the motion, motion passed. Derek Berns moved to accept the March 11, 2024 meeting minutes as presented, Angie Evans seconded the motion, motion passed.

Kellee gave the update on the revenue and expense report for the commission through March 2024. Billy Hansen made the motion to receive the Financial Report, Shelly Crane seconded the motion, motion passed.

Under old business, there was no old business, Kellee updated the members on the walking path at Bi-Centennial Park that was paid through a grant from Pathways to a Healthier Kansas. The path is complete and with the left over grant money, they will expand the walking path from Eisenhower Park to 8<sup>th</sup> St.

Under new business, Kellee visited with the members about setting up a Parks & Recreation Fund through the Community Foundation of Dickinson County at the end of the 2024 year. Donations can be given to this fund for future projects. A track club was discussed. Kellee has done some research on area clubs and visited with one of the directors. At this time, the board is not interested on pursuing this. The board decided to stop charging for pickleball at the Community Center. Kellee discussed with members about the 2025 budget preparation was underway.

Under the Director's report, Kellee updated members new landscaping was being done at the community center, new indoor bleachers were received for the community center and the old ones were sold on purple wave. Kellee was working with Brenden Alvarez to install a new drinking fountain at the pool with a bottle filler and new large umbrellas were ordered for additional shading at the pool. Staff was preparing for summer baseball, softball, t-ball and camps.

Having no further business, Billy Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting, Shelly Crane seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 17, 2024 at 6:45 a.m.



Director



Chairman