



City of Abilene

Parks and Recreation Board Agenda

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board of City of Abilene to be held on June 16, 2026 at 8:30 AM at City Hall, 555 Walnut Street, Council Chambers, Abilene, Texas, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments on Any Item on the Agenda

MINUTES

1. Minutes (Discussion and Action)

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. Service Award (Discussion)

- Pablino Hill, Facilities Maintenance - 15 years

EXECUTIVE SESSION

3. Pursuant to Govt. Code Section 551.072, a governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person. Additionally, Section 551.087 allows a governmental body to discuss or deliberate on commercial or financial information that has been received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City and with which there may be ongoing negotiations or deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect. Further, Section 551.071 provides that a governmental body may seek advice from its attorney regarding a pending or contemplated litigation subject, settlement offer, or attorney-client privileged information. After discussion in executive session, any action or vote will be taken in public.

The Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Abilene will adjourn into executive session to discuss any of the matters listed below or listed in this Agenda, as authorized by the following Texas Government Code Sections:

1. Grover Nelson Park
2. Jane Sellers Park
3. Arthur Sears Park

551.071 - Consultation with Attorney
551.072 - Deliberations about Real Property
551.087 - Economic Development

AGENDA ITEMS

4. Parks Assessment (Discussion, Public Hearing and Possible Action)
5. Resolution: Reservation of Parkland to Lease to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) (Discussion, Public Hearing and Possible Action)
6. Aquatics Report (Discussion)
 - Champions Day
7. Parks Report (Discussion)
 - Parks Staff Member Recognized
 - CALF Sculpture Installations
 - Fun Fact
8. Recreation Report (Discussion)
 - Recreation Centers Weekly Attendance
 - Various Program Offerings
9. Seniors Report (Discussion)
 - Senior Day Trip
 - Father's Day Bingo
 - Water Walkers
10. Zoo Report (Discussion)
 - Animal News
 - Upcoming Events

ADJOURNMENT

Notice

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Abilene will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending meetings. To better serve you, requests

should be received forty-eight (48) hours prior to scheduled meetings. Please contact the City Secretary's Office at 325-676-6208. Telecommunication device for the deaf is 325-676-6360.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the above meeting notice was posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall of the City of Abilene, Texas, on the 10th day of June, 2026, at 3:45 p.m.

Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary



Parks Assessment





Parks Division Overview

- 702.6 acres of parkland and municipal grounds are maintained internally
- 174.4 acres contract maintained (cemetery, medians, & undeveloped parkland)
- 190,760 square feet of landscaping maintained
- 72,000 linear feet of irrigation maintained
- 47.9 acres of cemetery – burials, headstone leveling, & clean ups
- 20 Restrooms
- 30 Concession Stands
- 20 Playgrounds
- 21 Pavilions
- 11.5 Basketball Courts
- 20 Tennis Courts
- 1 Skate Park
- 5 Walking Trails
- 6 Pickleball Courts
- 1 Dog Park
- 21 Neighborhood and Community Parks
- 10 Special Use/Park Facilities
- 11 Municipal grounds non parkland





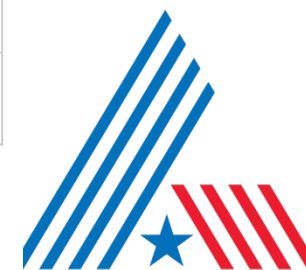
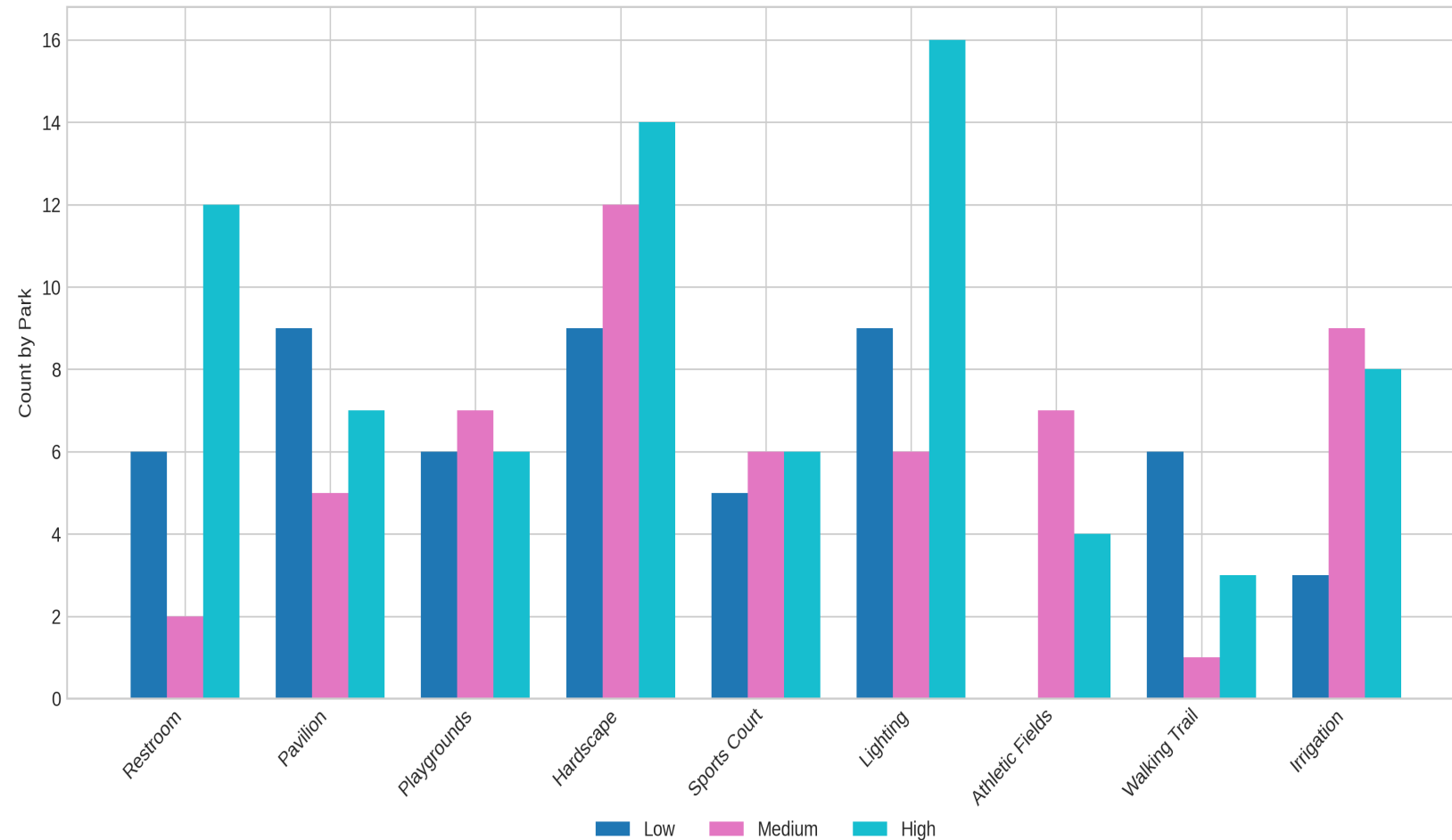
Additions/Improvements

- Parks Master Plan adopted in 2023
- Two new recreation centers
- Camp Barkeley Dog Park
- Cedar Creek Trail
- Oscar Rose, Vaughn Camp, Sears and Carver Park Playgrounds
- Park Signs
- Splashpad Shades
- Clear Fork Bank Storybook Garden
- Festival District
- Cypress Street/Cypress Plaza
- Stevenson Park Improvements
- Nelson Wilson Park Improvements
- Grant for two new fishing piers





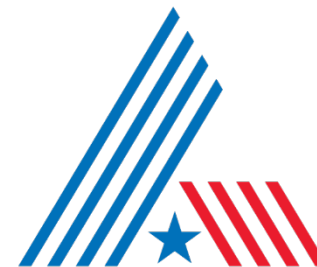
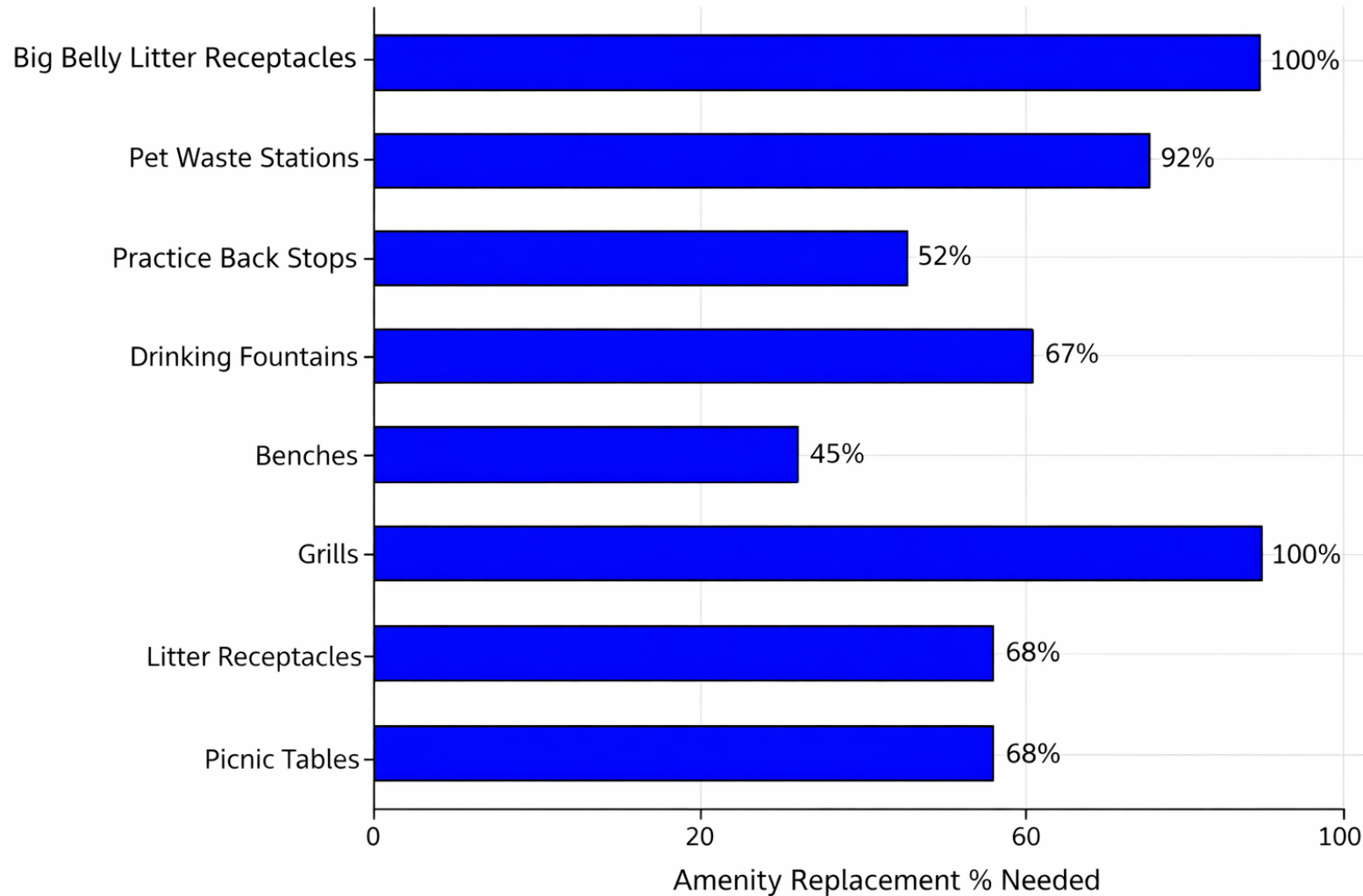
Level of Need: Capital Improvements



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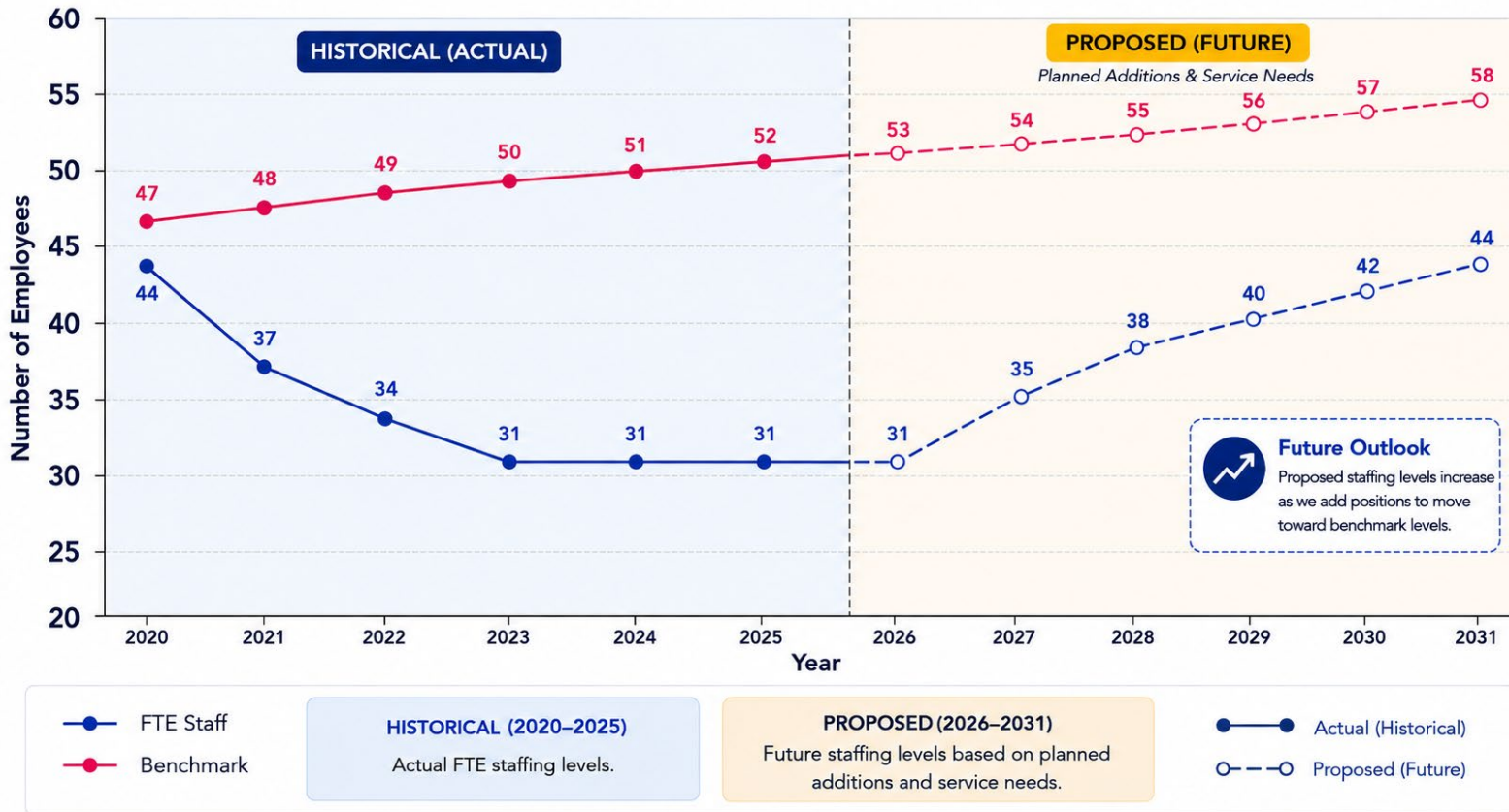
Level of Need: Amenities



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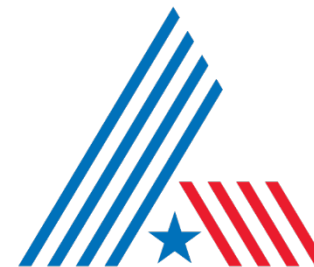


Parks Staffing Levels



Benchmark based on NRPA Park Metrics – employees per 10,000 population.

- Reduction of 7 FTEs (14 Seasonal positions) in 2020
- Reduction of 3 positions in 2021 due to outsourcing cemetery mowing
- 2023 34 FTEs approved but only 31 funded due to 3 frozen positions
- FTE Level Benchmarking based on NRPA Park Metrics of employees per 10,000 population



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Key Takeaways

- 41% of Capital Assets have high-levels of Capital Improvement needs.
- 63% of amenities have high-level Amenity Replacement needs.
- 41% below benchmark staffing levels



Questions?



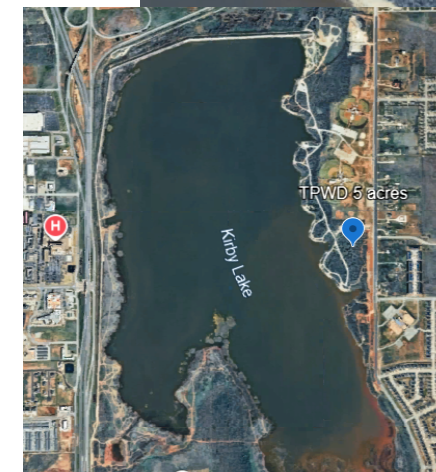
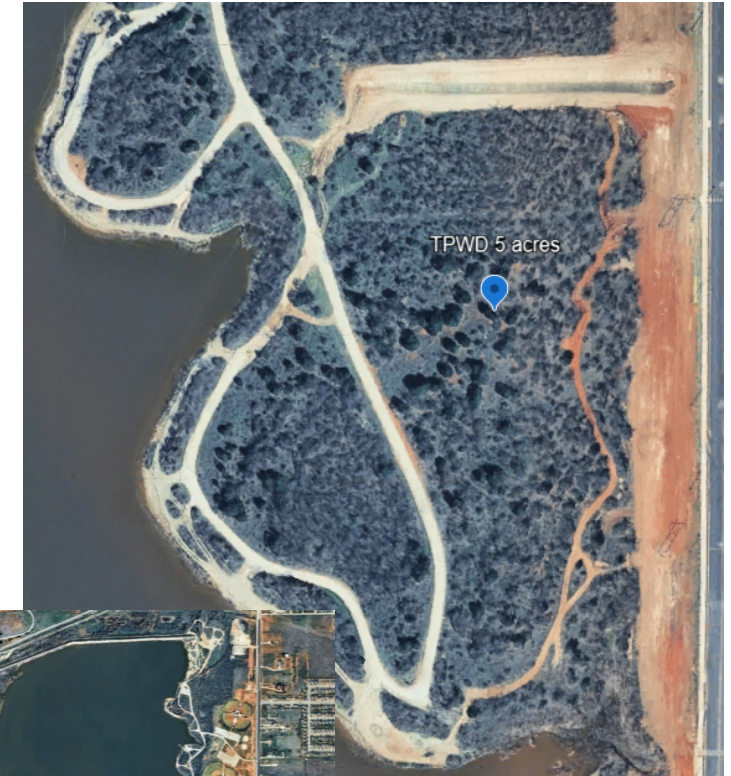
Reservation of Parkland to Lease to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department





Request to Lease Parkland

- The State of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has requested the City of Abilene lease up to five acres at Kirby Lake Park for the construction of a TPWD facility for purposes of parks, recreation and fishing activities, as well as enforcement matters.
- TPWD is securing funding through the State budgeting process for the construction of the facilities.
- The TPWD project may include the Inland Fisheries Division, Wildlife Division and/or the Law Enforcement Division, or other TPWD divisions
- Any lease of parkland to TPWD, State of Texas, shall include provisions for public education at the TPWD facilities.



RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, APPROVING THE RESERVATION OF UP TO FIVE ACRES AT KIRBY LAKE PARK TO LEASE TO THE STATE OF TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Section 57, Charter of the City of Abilene, provides that the Parks and Recreation Board shall have jurisdiction and control over public lands and properties heretofore or hereafter designated for park and recreational uses; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has requested the City of Abilene lease up to five acres at Kirby Lake Park for the construction of a TPWD facility for purposes of parks, recreation and fishing activities, as well as enforcement matters; and

WHEREAS, the TPWD is securing funding through the State budgeting process for the construction of the facilities; and

WHEREAS, the TPWD project may include the Inland Fisheries Division, Wildlife Division and/or the Law Enforcement Division, or other TPWD divisions; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Board held a public hearing at their May, 19, 2026 meeting, wherein public comment was received regarding the reservation of up to five acres at Kirby Lake Park to the State of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; and

WHEREAS, the reservation of up to five acres at Kirby Lake Park will automatically expire after a period of six years following the date of this Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

Part 1. That the Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Abilene, Texas, hereby approves the reservation of up to five acres at Kirby Lake Park as shown on Exhibit A.

Part 2. That the reservation of the acreage will automatically expire after a period of six years following the date of this Resolution.

Part 3. That the purpose of the reservation of the acreage is for a lease of parkland to TPWD, State of Texas, for parks, recreation, and fishing activities, and enforcement matters.

Part 4. That any lease of parkland to TPWD, State of Texas, as contemplated by this Resolution, shall include provisions for public education at the TPWD facilities.

Part 5. That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage.

ADOPTED this 16th day of June, 2026.

ATTEST:

City Secretary

Parks and Recreation Board Chairperson

APPROVED:

City Attorney



TPWD 5 acres

Kirby Lake



Aquatics Report





Champions Day



- June 20th & July 18th
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- Free Admission: guests with disability
- 50% Off: up to 4 family members



Parks Report





The Walnut



The Walnut Street Journal

Edition 10 • Volume 3



Strong Foundations

Chris Jackson brings consistency, discipline and heart to Parks & Recreation



What's Happening?



abilenetx.gov/thewalnut

Abilene Hertige Square
- and the new Main
Branch Library - is now
open for browsing!

- Park Staff Member Chris Jackson Featured in "The Walnut Street Journal".



CALF Sculpture Installations





Fun Fact

FUN FACT



The parks division stocks 4,992 rolls of toilet paper each year in park restrooms. That equals 514,176 linear feet...

97 miles

...which is the distance to travel from Abilene City Hall to the City of Stephenville's City Park.





Recreation Report





Recreation Centers Weekly Attendance



G.V. Daniels

- 5/3/2026: 1,210
- 5/10/2026: 1,060
- 5/17/2026: 1,526
- 5/24/2026: 1,030

Sears

- 5/3/2026: 1,373
- 5/10/2026: 1,223
- 5/17/2026: 1,549
- 5/24/2026: 1,358



Yoga

YOGA

Day	Time	Place	Type
Tues	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	G.V. Daniels	Hatha
Thurs	9:30 AM - 10:15 AM	Sears	Chair
Thurs	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Sears	Hatha

\$17 Drop-In Rate Per Class

\$50 Monthly 4-Class Session
Monthly pass is only valid for one location.



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- \$50 Monthly 4-Class Session
- G.V. Daniels Recreation Center
 - Hatha Yoga
 - Tuesdays 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
- Sears Recreation Center
 - Chair Yoga
 - Thursdays 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM
 - Hatha Yoga
 - Thursdays 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

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Zumba

ZUMBA

Get moving, have fun, & feel great with our summer Zumba classes!

\$12 Per Class

**Classes Begin June 6th
Saturdays • 10:00 AM**

Locations:

June: G.V. Daniels Activity Room

July: Sears Activity Room



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- \$12 Per Class
- Saturdays
- 10:00 AM
- June:
 - G.V. Daniels Recreation Center
- July:
 - Sears Recreation Center



P.E. Hour

P.E. HOUR STARTS IN JUNE!

DAY(S)	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Sears
Wednesday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	G.V. Daniels

Join us for a fun & active P.E. Hour in the gym! This hour features structured, staff-led activities designed especially for kids ages 9 - 12, with games & equipment that keep everyone moving, playing, & having a great time. All ages are welcome to participate, & we encourage families to come enjoy the space together.

- **Children 8 & under must be directly supervised by an adult at all times.**
- **Children 9 - 12 must have an adult present in the building.**

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- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Tuesday
 - Sears Recreation Center
- Wednesday
 - G.V. Daniels Recreation Center



Ready, Set, Play!

**READY,
SET, PLAY!**
EVERY FRIDAY
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
**AT BOTH SEARS & G.V.
DANIELS REC CENTERS**

Ready to jump into some big-time fun? Come explore, move, & have a blast with a variety of gym equipment set out for open play! Grab your friends, bring your energy, & come see what you can try next!

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- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Every Friday
- Both Rec Centers



Stroller Walking Club

Stroller Walking Club

Mondays • 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

G.V. Daniels • Indoor Gym Track

Free & open for all parents with young kids. BYO stroller to socialize with other families & build good exercise habits on our refreshing indoor walking track.



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- 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
- Monday
- G.V. Daniels
- Gymnasium



Seniors Report





Senior Day Trip



2026 Annual

Senior Day Trip

Saturday, October 24th

★ Granbury, TX ★

\$45

Join us in a trip to Granbury Texas to enjoy the Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts!

Registration: July 1st - October 1st

Bus Leaves: 6:30 AM

Rose Park Senior Center • 2625 S 7th St
(325) 734-5300 • abilenetx.gov/seniors



- Saturday
- October 24th
- Granbury, TX
- Bus Leaves 6:30 AM
- \$45



Father's Day Bingo

Ages
55+



Father's Day Bingo

Rose Park Senior Center
Room B

June 18th
9:30 AM
Men Only

(325) 734-5300 • abilenetx.gov/seniors



- Thursday
- June 18th
- Room B
- 9:30 AM
- Men Only



Water Walkers

Water Walkers
June 1st - August 12th
Mondays & Wednesdays
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
\$2 Admission

Ages 55+

Adventure COVE

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- Mondays & Wednesdays
- June 1st - August 12th
- 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
- \$2 Admission
- Ages: 55+

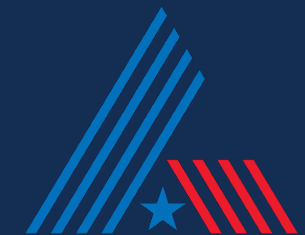
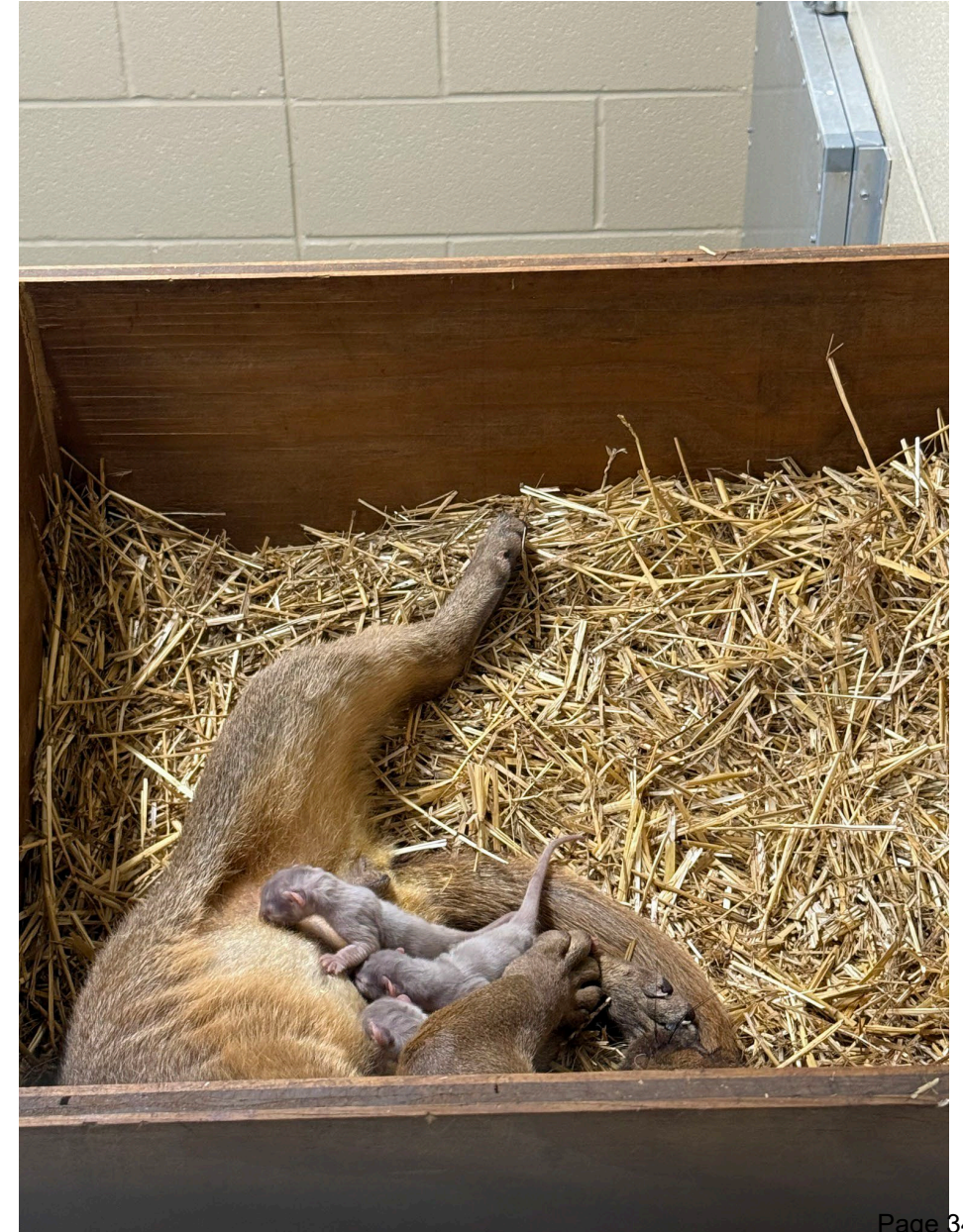


Abilene ZOO

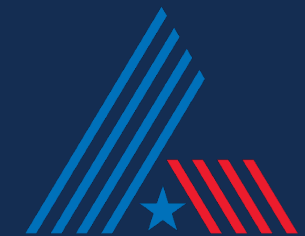


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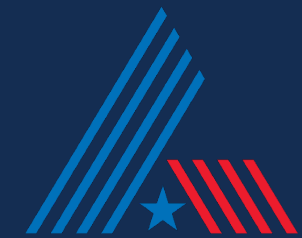
Animal News – Fossa Pups



Animal News – Baby Anteater



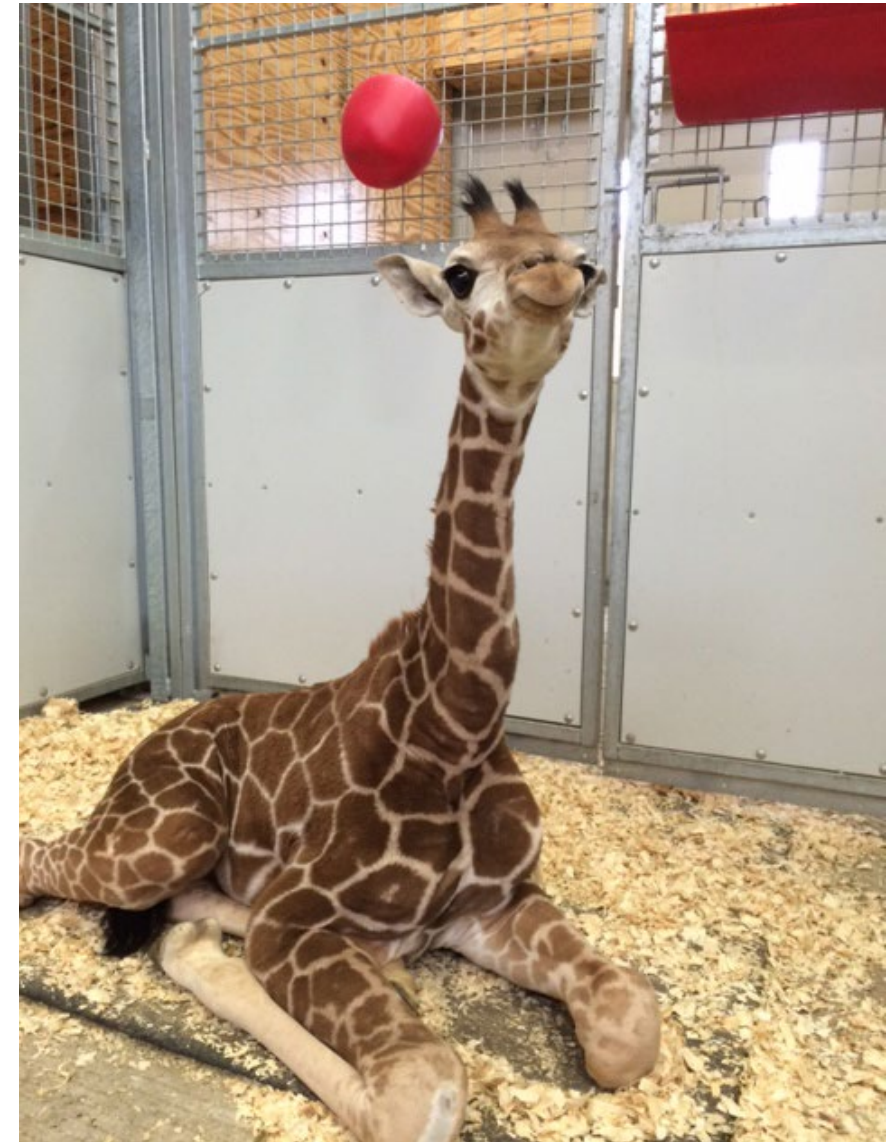
Animal News – Crowned Lemur Baby



Animal News – It's a Girl



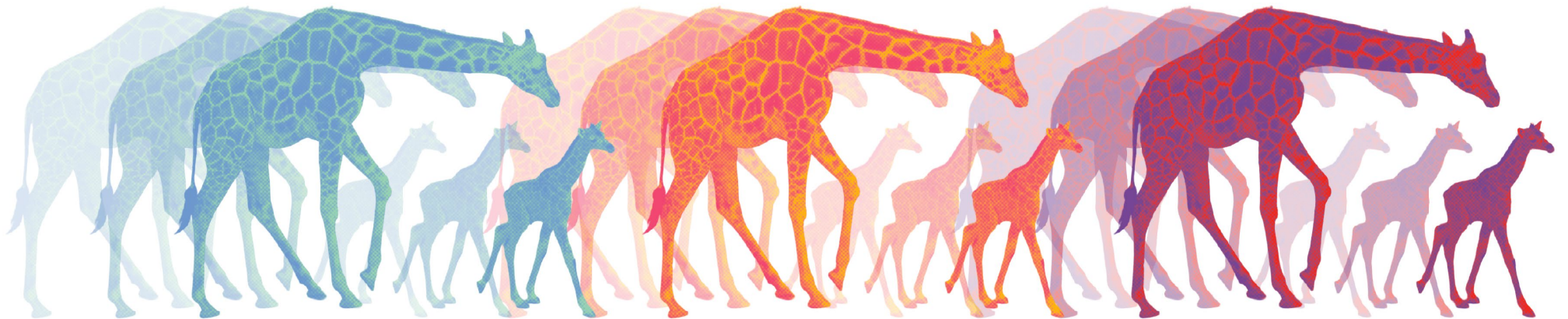
Animal News – Loss of Kito



Upcoming Events

WORLD GIRAFFE DAY FESTIVAL

JUNE
20



CONGO'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
GIRAFFE BARN TOURS
GIRAFFE PAINTING EXPERIENCE
ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS
YOGA ON THE TERRACE



Upcoming Events



ROARIN' MORNINGS

SUMMER HOURS 8:00AM-4:00PM

JUNE 1ST-AUGUST 31ST



Upcoming Events



DINO RANCH

Abilene ZOO
SATURDAY, JUNE 27

Disney Jr.

Disney+

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