



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 July 21st, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall, 555 Walnut Street, Council Chambers, Abilene, Texas, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items.

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments on Any Item on the Agenda

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes (Discussion and Action)
2. Service Award
 - Dr. Stephanie Carle - Abilene Zoo Veterinarian for 5 years.
3. Minter Park Report:
 - Renovations
4. Policies and Fees for Minter Park (Discussion and Action)
 - Proposed Use Policy
 - Proposed Fees
5. Aquatics Division Report:
 - Open Times
 - Attendance
 - Maintaining
6. Senior Services Division Report:
 - Meals Update

7. Parks Division Report:
 - Maintenance and Care of Parks
 - Parks and Recreation Month
8. Recreation Division Report:
 - Summer Camp Update
 - Parks and Recreation Month
 - Mother and Son Dance
9. Zoo Division Report:
 - Animal Care Updates
 - Zoo Day Update
 - Rock and Roar
 - Madagascar

ADJOURNMENT

Notice

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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 17th day of July, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.

Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

June 16, 2020

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers. Board members present were Gary Grubbs, David Pittman, Robyn Wertheim and Leigh Black. Board members not present were Jeff Goodin, Michael Homer Jr. and Marc Orner. Community Services staff present were Lesli Andrews, Director, Chris Gibson, Assistant Director, Stanley Smith, Legal, and Chairyl Clark, Secretary.

Gary Grubbs called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Invocation Gary Grubbs gave the invocation.

Open forum for public comment: No comments

Acceptance of Minutes from March 17, 2020: Robyn Wertheim moved the minutes be approved for the Regular Agenda Meeting on March 17, 2020. Leigh Black seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Service awards: Presented by Jesse Pottabaum for Zoo employees Kylie Donch for 5 years, Ryan King for 15 years, and Richard Rodgers for Parks employee Mike Soliz for 15 years.

Election of Chairman: David Pittman nominated by Robyn Wertheim. Leigh Black seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Election of Vice Chairman: Gary Grubbs nominated by Robyn Wertheim. Leigh Black seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Update Minter Park: Ribbon cutting Tuesday July 7, 2020 at 1:30 P.M.

YMCA Expansion: Presented by Executive Director David Hendricks and Architect Jim McCathern. Four million dollars have been raised for funding. Phase One is fully funded. Phase Two going out for bid. Timeline for completion is one year. Gary Grubbs moved to approve, second by Leigh Black. All in favor. Motion carried.

Operational Reports:

Aquatics: Bobby Brown introduced Aquatics Manager Matthew Baird. Matthew discussed protocol for Covid19 precautions, being chlorinated water and use of UV at Splash Pads.

Parks: New backstop at ball fields, new fishing dock at Johnson Park, remodel of Community Services patio, repair sidewalk at Nelson Park, paint park restrooms and trail bridges. The Board commended the Parks crews on maintaining the parks so well during the pandemic with all the added outdoor activity.

Recreation: Mother and Son dance rescheduled for August 8, 2020. Informed the Board of the Covid Camp childcare, which provided child care to City of Abilene Employees during the

spring. Recreation employees also assisted the Boys and Girls Club and the United Way with their childcare programs. Staff is now starting the regular summer programming.

Zoo: Lioness, Saba passed away at 16 years old. Discussed zoo enhancements in the bear exhibit and Turtle Cove Kids area. Spring Break Camp was a success. Zoo received \$50,190.00 in donations during Abilene Gives to help with the closure due to COVID19. Upcoming, Painting with a Twist on June 20, 2020 proceeds to go to the Giraffe conservation fund.

Senior Division: Currently providing approximately 400 drive through meals daily with themed activities for the Seniors.

Parks Board again commended all Parks and Recreation division employees for outstanding job during the pandemic.

David Pittman , Parks Board Chairman

Date

Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on June 16, 2020



Service Award



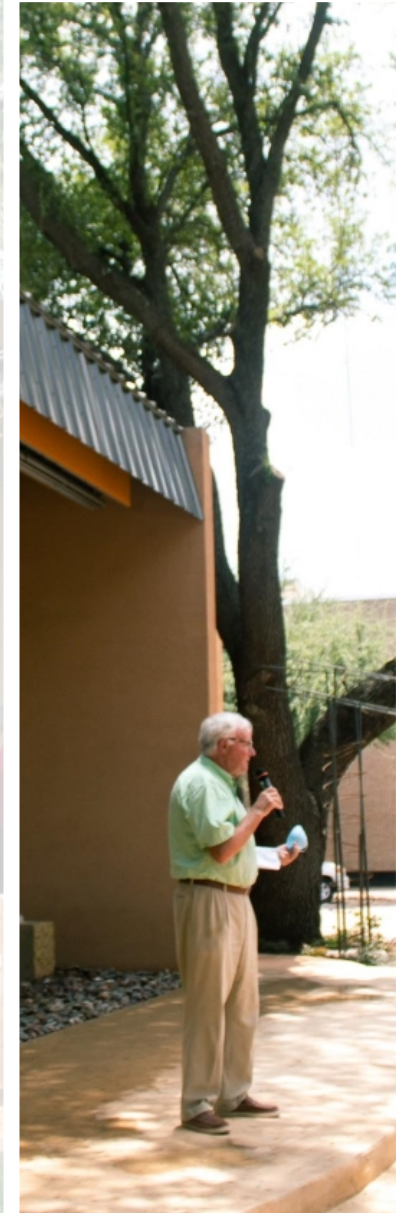
Minter Park



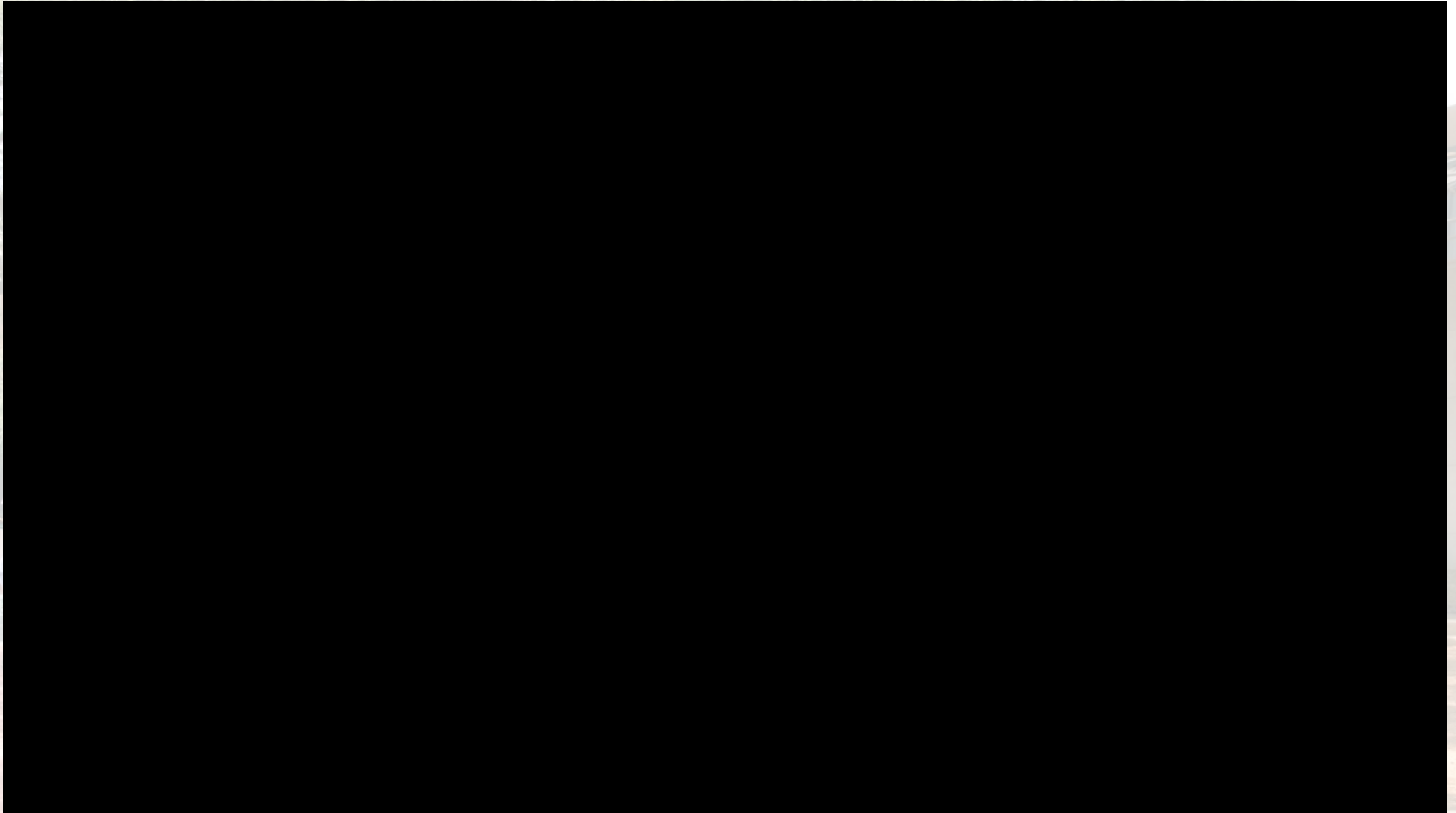
Minter Park - Renovations

Minter Park's Ribbon Cutting took place Tuesday, July 7 at 1:30pm.

- Renovations include a small stage, limestone bubblers, limestone seats, a limestone backdrop, and a 33 foot long and 14 foot tall outdoor water curtain, currently the largest permanent outdoor water curtain in the United States.



Minter Park - Renovations



Minter Park Water Curtain



Minter Park Water Curtain- Policies and Fees

The water curtain has presented an opportunity for families and organizations to have special opportunities not seen anywhere else in Abilene.

- **Pre-programmed pre-approved names or designs for a fee of \$25.00. Examples include but not limited to: Happy Birthday, It's A Girl/Boy, Will you Marry Me, Valentines, Flag Day, Dyess plane, holidays etc. (individual name included)**
- **Special events would be \$50.00 per hour to have a person on sight. Example includes but not limited to: Art Walk or parade where a City staff employee sits in the park and programs peoples names or designs into the fountain.**
- **Corporate/Organization logos are not allowed.**
- **The City Manager or his/her designee may deny any request for this activity if in his/her judgment the activity is inappropriate to the park.**
- **In the event the City Manager or his designee denies a request, the applicant may appeal the decision to the Parks and Recreation board by filing a written appeal with the City Manager within five (5) business days after the denial of the request is mailed to the applicant or personally delivered, whichever occurs first. If no appeal is filed within five (5) business days, the decision of the City Manager or his/her designee becomes final and unappealable. The written appeal should contain all information on which the Parks and Recreation board can make a decision. The Parks and Recreation board shall hear the appeal at its next regularly scheduled meeting following the filing of the appeal, subject to the Open Meetings Act provisions. The decision of the Parks and Recreation board shall be final and unappealable.**



Aquatics



Aquatics - Splash Pads

- Splash Pads open from dawn to dusk
- Higher attendance during 2020 summer
- Maintaining splash pads daily



Seniors



Seniors - Meals

From March 18 through July 13, 28,445 meals were prepared, only 197 were not served.

- March - 2,260 meals
- April - 6,864 meals
- May - 7,726 meals
- June - 8,813 meals
- As of July 13th 2,782 meals



Parks



Parks

- Summer maintenance and care for City of Abilene parks



Parks and Recreation Month

July is Parks and Recreation Month!



Be sure to get out this month to enjoy the wonderful areas our teams support for the Abilene community.



Recreation



Kids Summer 2020

- Sessions running from June 1 through August 14 Monday through Friday 7:30am - 5:30pm.
- Sessions will be offered at Rose and Sears Recreation Centers.
- Open to kids ages 6-13.
- Kids receive a camp shirt, breakfast, snacks, and lunch. There will be various activities including gym games and more!



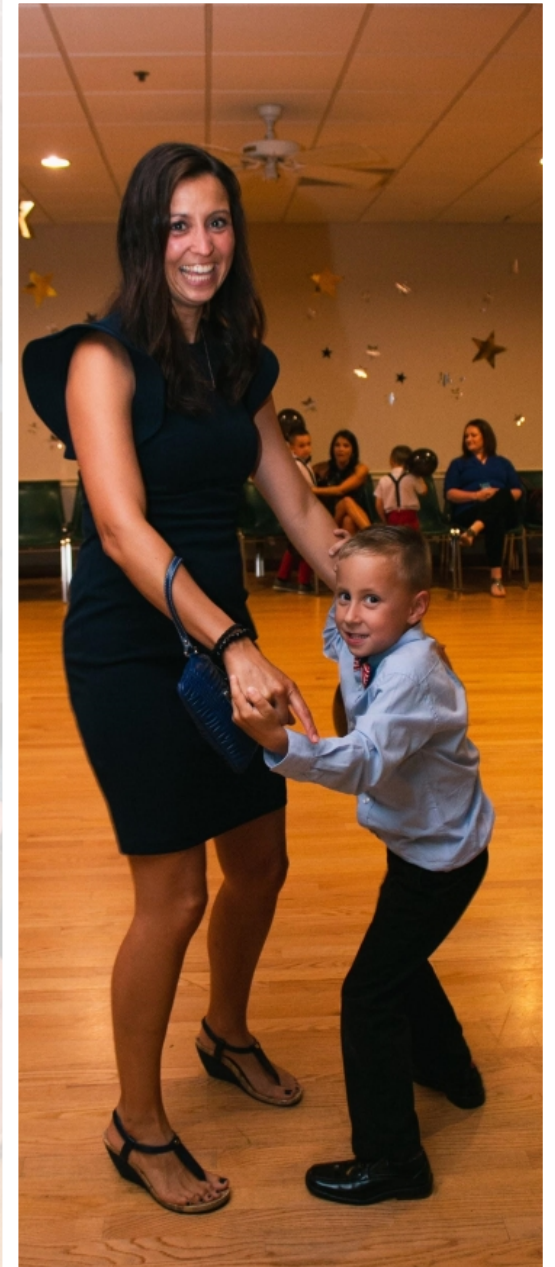
Parks and Recreation Month

The theme for Parks and Recreation Month this July is “We Are Parks and Recreation”, highlighting the diverse professionals who serve our community in our parks and recreation departments.



Mother and Son Dance 2020

- Saturday, August 8 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm at the Abilene Convention Center
- Open to moms and mother figures of boys ages 3-13.
- We will be taking precautions for the wellbeing of attendees and staff, such as wearing masks as well as providing sanitizing stations.



Abilene 

July 2020



Animal Care Updates



Safe way to get out and play

A promotional poster for 'Zoo Day' featuring a giraffe's head on the right side. The background is a dark wood texture. The title 'Zoo Day' is in large white letters on a teal splash. Below it, 'with H-E-B Helping Here.' is written. A starburst graphic on the left lists safety measures. The event is free admission thanks to H-E-B, held on Friday, July 10, from 9 am to 4 pm, with a leopard-print map of Texas indicating the location.

Zoo Day

with **H-E-B** Helping Here.

A safe way to get out and play

- limited capacity
- strict social distancing guidelines

FREE!
admission thanks to H-E-B!

Fri, July 10  9 am - 4 pm

Attendance: 1,458

Special Events

AbileneZoo.org

BLACK
"One trip stops the drip."

MAVERICK
MAN CUTTING & CORN SHELLING

ROCK AND ROAR

Blue Water Highway

Josh Ward

JULY 25th @ 7PM

AUG 15th @ 7PM

a Wild summer series

The banner features a collage of images: a group of people on a bus, a man in a cowboy hat, and a red guitar with a lion's face. The text is arranged in a dynamic, layered fashion with various fonts and colors.

Madagascar

