

**CITY OF LEXINGTON
WORKSHOP SYNOPSIS
Thursday, April 18, 2024
Immediately following Council meeting
City Hall**

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Grote
2. **Roll Call:** DeVries – Harris – Winge – Benson

Vice Mayor Harris called to order the workshop for April 18, 2024 at 7:45 p.m. Councilmembers present: Benson, Devries, and Winge. Excused Absence: Mayor Grote. Also Present: Bill Petracek, City Administrator; Kurt Glaser, City Attorney; Chris Galiov, Finance Director.

3. Discussion Items:

- A. Discuss Park Board Ordinance and Duties - Councilmember DeVries

Petracek explained the ordinance and by-laws that authorizes the Park Board to operate in Lexington. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Winge asked how much do the Park Board members make each month. Finance Director Galiov stated that Park Board members make \$100/month and the chairperson makes \$125/month. Councilmember Devries stated that since the Park Board isn't doing anything (weeding and flowerbed maintenance), he recommended that we repeal the Park Board ordinance and disband the group. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Benson asked the city attorney if, statutorily, the City of Lexington is required to have a Park Board. Attorney Glaser stated the City is not required to have a Park Board, but they are required to have a Planning Commission. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Devries stated he recommends bringing this ordinance to a vote at the next City Council meeting. Councilmember Winge debated having the salaries rescinded from the Park Board and make the Board all volunteer. He added the idea of using that money to hire someone during the summertime to do landscaping work on our public grounds. Discussion ensued.

Attorney Glaser stated he would have to do some research on the process to rescind Park Board salaries..

The consensus of the Council was to move forward with the process of rescinding Park Board salaries and using those funds to hire an outside person or agency to do summer landscaping on public grounds.

4. Staff Input

No staff input

5. Council Input

No Council input.

6. Adjourn

Councilmember Benson made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Councilmember Devries seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.