

LWV OPRF League of Women Voters 2023 Observer Report

Village of Oak Park Board Meeting

President and Board of Trustees

February 27, 2023 – 2 hours 16 minutes

Village Board Grants Expansion for Parking Permit Holders

- The Board listened to a presentation from Village Staff about the proposed expansion of policies related to the Village's Parking Pilot Program. (ID 23-105)
- Much of the discussion centered on improving access for permit holders, including a block by block breakdown of where permit parking is being expanded.
- Trustees discussed the reason the Village has a permit parking program, and also its origins in wanting to limit the number of cars on the street at night. The board and Village staff discussed where the money from the program goes, how wait lists for permit parking are managed, and how well-lit streets with permit parking are.
- The board is looking at several options to help reduce parking costs for low income families, including applying for reduced rates based on income eligibility.
- The Board listened to a presentation of the 2022 National Community Survey, administered by Polco, and which is a survey done every two years in Oak Park. The survey asked citizens questions about how the "livability" of the community. "A livable community is a place that is not simply habitable, but that is desirable." (ID 23-102)
- You can read more about the survey and its results at <https://www.oak-park.us/news/community-survey-results-available>

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