

Oak Park River Forest League of Women Voters Eyewitness Report

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Date: August 21, 2017

Meeting Length: 1hr. 20 min

Meeting Name: Oak Park Park District Board

Headline: **Board Discusses Its Long Term Vision for Pleasant Home**

The Park District has been considering the best use of the upper floors of Pleasant Home, but hasn't reached a final decision. The Park District has asked Heidi Ruehle-May, Executive Director of the Pleasant Home Foundation, to provide the Park District Board with suggestions, potential for revenue, and potential costs for restoration. The Park district staff is considering educational uses such as yoga and dance classes. The Pleasant Home Foundation, which is under contract to the Park District, has been fundraising, but there is no clear concept about how to use the funds. One approach suggested is to invest the funds and use the money to care for and improve the Home.

Items to Watch: **The Park Board of Commissioners approved the 2018-2028 Capital Improvements Plan.**

Property taxes provide fifty percent of capital improvement funds. The District Commissioners and staff continue to write the plan, including specifications for a community recreation center.