



# Village of Oak Park

## **STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Plan COMMISSION

**REVIEW DATE:** July 5, 2018

**FROM:** Project Review Team

**PREPARED BY:** Craig Failor, Village Planner

### **P R O J E C T   T I T L E**

**Street Vacation: Abutting 508 North Kenilworth Avenue** (north of Chicago Avenue); The Applicant seeks the vacation of a portion of an abutting street located adjacent to the referenced address. Either side of the street is owned by the applicant – Elementary School District 97. The portion of the village right-of-way to be vacated is approximately 66 feet in width (east to west) and 157 feet long (north to south).

### **A P P L I C A N T   I N F O R M A T I O N**

**APPLICANT:**            **Oak Park Elementary School District No. 97**  
260 Madison Street  
Oak Park, IL 60302

**PROPERTY OWNER:**    **Village of Oak Park**  
123 Madison Street  
Oak Park, IL 60302

### **P R O P E R T Y   I N F O R M A T I O N**

**EXISTING ZONING:**                    I - Institutional District & OS - Open Space District

**EXISTING LAND USE:**                Public Street ROW – Green Space

**PROPERTY SIZE:**                    Approximately 10,362 Square Feet

#### **ABUTTING ZONING AND LAND USES:**

**EAST:**                    I – Institutional District (Oliver Wendell Holmes Elementary School)

**WEST:**                    OS – Open Space District (Holmes Elementary School playground)

## Analysis

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### Submittals

This report is based on the following documents, which were filed with Development Customer Services Department:

1. Application
2. Plat of Survey
3. Plat of Vacation
4. Photographs

### Description

The applicant, who owns the property on either side of Kenilworth Avenue depicted below, is requesting that a portion of the street right-of-way be vacated in order to construct an addition to the west side of the existing elementary school building. FYI: The School District is also constructing an addition to the southeastern portion of the school building. Approximate area of vacation identified below with a red box.



## General Information

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In April 2000, the Village adopted the *Alley and/or Street Vacation Policy and Procedures*. The policy statement within the Policy and Procedures document states that the Village Board must determine that the public interest will be subserved by vacating such street or alley, or part thereof.

The Village of Oak Park entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and approved an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with School District 97 at the end of 2017 relative to the vacation of a portion of Kenilworth Avenue – as depicted - and the dedication of a portion of District 97 owned property for right-of-way purposes within the cul-de-sac. The additions began shortly after the MOU and IGA were approved by the Village Board. This review process is pursuant to finalizing the street vacation request authorized by the Village Board. The intergovernmental agreement requires that any utility relocation to be at the expense of District 97. Village engineers have reviewed the vacation request and have been working with District 97 to ensure the agreement, relative to public utilities, is adhered to.

#### Notification

A notice of the public hearing was published in the June 20, 2018 edition of the Wednesday Journal.

#### Recommendation

Staff supports the street vacation.

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*End of Report.*

c.       Applicant  
          Gregory T. Smith, Plan Commission Attorney

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