

Adekunle "Ade" Onayemi Township Trustee

Ade Onayemi was elected as Township Trustee in May 2017. He is a State of Illinois licensed architect and President of Urban Resource, Inc., a Chicago architectural firm.

Ade has volunteered for educational organizations in the Oak Park, Austin, and neighboring communities of Chicago for many years. He is a former member and past President of the Board of Education in Oak Park Elementary School District #97. In addition, Ade served as a Vice Chairman at ED-RED, an Illinois school lobby organization representing 300,000 children in high school & elementary districts, Special Ed Co-ops and ISCs in Suburban Cook, Lake, and DuPage Counties. Ade is a founding member and served as Vice Chair on the Board of Directors for the Austin Business and Entrepreneurship Academy, located in the Austin High School Complex. He is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Oak Park – River Forest.

In addition, Ade serves as Chair of the Board, West Suburban Medical Center, Oak Park, Illinois. He is also a Board member on the Advisory Board of the Illinois Small Business Development Center at Bethel New Life, Chicago, Illinois, and a Board member of Opportunity Knocks, an Illinois 501c.3 non-profit organization that serves young people who have intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) through social, recreational and life-skills programming. Ade has been appointed as a member of the Community Mental Health Board.

When asked about his decision to become a Township trustee, Ade said, "I was raised with a family tradition of participating in religious and community service. Oak Park Township focuses on human and social services. My goal is to ensure that the Township continues to provide excellent human and social services to all residents, in a responsive, open and fiscally responsible manner. Hubert H. Humphrey, in his last speech, said, '...the moral test of government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; those who are in the shadows of life; the sick, the needy and the handicapped.' "