

# ACACIA TIMES

Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association

March 2019

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## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Dates to remember: April 9, 2019 - Acacia Board Meeting**

Tom Hinshaw, Village President will be meeting with Acacia Board of Directors and residents from 7:00 pm until 7:30 pm on April 9, 2019 to explain and discuss the proposal for widening and adding sidewalks to Acacia Drive and other village projects. If you have questions make sure you attend this meeting.

April 16 service requests will start being accepted.

April 20 Easter Bunny, egg hunt, w/ petting zoo and possibly also pony rides at Blackhawk Park (weather permitting, time TBA).

Homeowners voted **NO** for Groot garbage totes. NO votes- 64, YES votes- 46. After a discussion the Board decided to leave things as they are using black bags for garbage.

If you want to report pot holes on any Cook County road you can call 708-448-8006.

REMINDER: Now that the snow is melting please go out and clean up your dog waste. It is a violation of both Acacia Rules and Village of IHP to not pick up after your pets.

The dumpster is for use by Acacia crew members only-please do not put anything in the dumpster at the clubhouse.

Included in this newsletter are Board of Director reports from the February 26, 2019 Annual Meeting.

Please be sure your dog is on a leash at all times and always pick up after them.

**Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 7pm at the clubhouse.**

## **The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting March 12, 2019**

The Board of Directors Meeting of Tuesday, March 12, 2019 was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Eckert.

Directors in attendance were: Pres. Eckert, V.P. Kalinoski, Sec'y Brandush, Tres. Polacek, Kwiatek, Rost, Boyd, Murray and Voyles.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion (Polacek, Kwiatek) to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting. All in favor. Motion passed. (9/0/0).

**Home Owners comments/questions:** Paul from Cherrywood is concerned that the bobcat is ruining the sealcoating during plowing. He feels it is a waste of money to sealcoat driveways if they will be ruined each year. The Board will look into alternatives to the bobcat.

**Treasurer's Report:** John Polacek reports that on the Treasurer's Report Page, we see that the Assessment Collection was \$85,364 with other sources giving a total income of \$86,614. Expenses were \$45,930 leaving a net ordinary income of \$41,224. Our big expense items are all done. This is the start of building reserves to pay for the next year's large expenses. As our CDs are coming up for renewal, we are getting higher paying CDs. Our interest income will improve.

The accounts receivable currently stands at \$18,024.38. Past Due Accounts show 23 members owing money. 4 members owe \$14,077 and 19 members owe \$3,947. We continue to do all the law allows to collect the outstanding balances. The treasurer is starting to meet with some members to arrange for payment plans to catch up their accounts.

We had 13 members miss their assessment payment. This cost each of them \$10.00 extra. Currently 223 members use the **ACH**, automatic bank withdrawal and 165 do not. **ACH** insures no late payment fee and no interest charge. **ACH** also saves the office time and money. Please consider this. 57.6% of Acacia Homeowners use it. Join the crowd! There really are no dangers. Acacia withdraws only the Assessment. If there are other charges, you receive a separate bill. When members do not pay on time, there is a cost of collection. Some members do not want to pay late charges or interest. Avoid those charges with **ACH**. Overall we are in good financial condition.

Motion (Polacek, Murray) to write off bad debt from a home owner whose unit sold. All in favor. Motion passed. (9/0/0).

Motion (Polacek, Boyd) to approve the Treasurer's Report. All in favor. Motion passes (9/0/0).

**Clubhouse Director's Report:** Loretta Murray had nothing to report.

**Recreation Facilities Director's Report:** Amy Eckert reports that we are starting to plan for the pool season. We need to order some replacement lounge and stack chairs – currently checking out prices and possible discounts from Telescope (where we have ordered before). We also are reviewing the pool rules and setting up process for renewal IDs.

**Grounds Maintenance Director's Report:** Tim Rost reports:

Snow Event:

There was one snow event since the last meeting. On 2/17/19 to 2/18/19 a total of 4 inches fell and Schwartz plowed on the 18<sup>th</sup> following route #1.

Tree Trimming:

Family Tree Works completed this year's trimming cycle and the total exceeded their initial bid by \$50. The additional \$50 was for a large branch that broke off a large tree and was hanging in the top of the tree, beyond the reach of our crew. The total for trimming this year with the additional \$50 fee was \$4045, and that amount was paid.

Stumps:

We currently have a total of 56 stumps that are in need of removal. Family Tree Werks of West Chicago has bid a total of \$1960 for the 56 to grind down the stumps. The money for this is in the current budget. I would like to make a motion to accept the bid from Family Tree works to grind down the 56 stumps.

Motion (Rost, Kalinoski) to have Family Tree Werks grind down 56 stumps for a total of \$1960. All in favor. Motion passed. (9/0/0).

Crew carts:

We currently have a fleet of seven crew carts. One is generally reserved for Jose, a second for Mike, and the remaining five are shared by the 14 seasonal crew members. On days when all the members are sent out, coordination of carts can become an issue. This issue began two years ago when we were told that crew members can't ride a 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> man per cart. To compound this issue the oldest unit is a 1999 and Jose is concerned its maintenance issues may render it out of service for periods this summer.

They currently have a 2007 unit that they can deliver for \$4208.90. The 2<sup>nd</sup> cart is a 2013

