

ACACIA TIMES

Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association

May 2019

Pool Opens

Acacia Community Garage Sale

Board Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Next Acacia Regular Board Meeting, June 11, 2019

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT DATES- May 25th 12-2, pool ID renewal
May 25th – Pool opens
June 7 & 8 Acacia Community Garage Sale

POOL ID RENEWAL- If you are new to Acacia or never had a Pool ID you need to stop at the pool on May 25th from 12:00 noon -2:00. If you have last year's Pool ID you can stop in the office any weekday between 9:00-11:30 or 12:30 -3:00. Make sure you bring a photo ID, proof of residency and your children's information with you.

NO POOL ID'S WILL BE RENEWED OR ISSUED AT THE POOL. If you miss the scheduled dates, you will need to call the office and make an appointment with the committee to get pool ID. There is a \$10 fee for each lost pool ID.

Acacia Community Garage Sale is Friday and Saturday, June 7 & 8. If you'd like to participate, call the office with your address and items you are selling and we will add you to the map 708-246-2400. Maps can be picked up at the office until June 6th.

REMEMBER: If you plan on having a dumpster or POD storage unit in your driveway you are required to get a Village permit and you need to turn in a copy to the Acacia office. There is no cost for the permit but there are time limits on how long you can have either in the driveway.

Business advertising signs are only allowed to be on your property while the business is there doing work. They must be taken down when they leave for the day and when job is complete.

The park closes at dusk.

PLEASE make sure you tie your garbage bags before you put them out and if you are putting boxes out make sure they are secure to they don't blow around.

Please do not feed the animals. Zombie Racoons reported in nearby areas. They can have distemper and are a danger to dogs.

Parents please remind your children that they are not to climb the fences to get into the courts – they risk getting hurt. Also, please make sure that the gates are closed and locked behind you – we have had several incidents where they have been left open.

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 7pm at the clubhouse.

The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting May 14, 2019

The Board of Directors Meeting of Tuesday, May 14 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, Boyd) to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting. All in favor. Motion passed. (9/0/0).

Home Owners comments/questions: No comments.

Treasurer's Report: John Polacek reports on the Treasurer's Report Page, we see that the Assessment Collection was \$93,270 with other sources giving a total income of \$101,535. Expenses were \$45,641 (We had a property tax refund of \$39,617 on 4 out of 5 parcels under review. This is why our income is so high) leaving a net ordinary income of \$95,532.

The accounts receivable currently stands at \$3,134.07. Past Due Accounts show 15 members owing \$3,134.07. 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 11 members miss their assessment payment. This cost each of them \$10.00 extra. Currently 225 members use the **ACH**, automatic bank withdrawal and 162 do not. **ACH** insures no late payment fee and no interest charge. **ACH** also saves the office time and money. Please consider this. 58% 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.

There has been a request for information about our Fund Balances. We have two funds – Reserve fund Balance and Operating Fund Balance.

They now stand at:	Reserve Fund Balance	\$178,423
	Operating Fund Balance	\$699,677
	Total	\$878,100

We are approximately \$40,000 under last year due to increased costs and some Reserve Account expenditures. We are in the process of building our Reserve Fund as advised by the Reserve Study.

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

Clubhouse Director's Report: Loretta Murray reports the Acacia wide garage sale is scheduled for Friday & Saturday, June 7th & 8th 9am–3pm. Please contact the office if you're interested in being part of the garage sale, you'll be added to the map. Maps will be available in the office on Thursday, June 6th.

The association is in process of obtaining bids to replace the existing surveillance cameras and monitoring system.

The company we met with last week provided 2 bids:

1st bid - \$4,000.00 to just replace existing equipment.

2nd bid –\$6,000.00 to replace existing and add 6 additional cameras

Just met with another with a company today, should receive a bid in a week.

In 2009 Acacia purchased the existing equipment, which cost \$6,300.00

Replacing the surveillance equipment is not in the 2019 budget but the equipment needs to be replaced since the current equipment is ineffective.

Jack asked how old our fire alarm system is. Loretta will look into getting a health check on the fire alarm system.

Recreation Facilities Director's Report: Amy Eckert reports Pool – Renewal of pool IDs has started – remember that if you have last year's pool ID card and proof of residency you can renew at the office from 9:00- 11:30 and 12:30-3:00. If you don't have a pool ID yet you must come to one of the evening/weekend times to get a picture taken, show proof of residency, etc.

Pool ID dates if you need a new pass will be available on opening day, May 25th from 12 noon to 2:00.

Park and Courts: Keys for the basketball, tennis and pickle ball courts are available in the clubhouse. A \$10 deposit for each key and proof of residency is required and you keep the key.

