

ACACIA TIMES

Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association

September 2019

NEW rules for rental units effective 1/1/20

Village permit for windows/sliding doors

Board Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Next Acacia Regular Board Meeting, October 8, 2019

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

INFORMATION FROM THE VILLAGE:

The Village requires a **permit** for windows/sliding doors:

- If replaced like for like, an over the counter permit is required. It is recommended windows in bedrooms and basement comply with egress. Permit fee is **\$100.**
- If the size of the window or the framed opening is changed a permit is required and shall comply with the current adopted code. Permit fee is **\$275 plus added fees if necessary.**

The Village Board is discussing whether or not to allow the sale of cannabis products in the village. They are looking for resident input on this decision.

On October 1st at 7:00 the Planning and Zoning Committee will be discussing this issue. If you want your opinion heard you can attend the meeting - they meet at Village Hall. The Village also has a link on their website so you can vote either yes or no on the question of allowing the sale of cannabis products in the village. Please visit their website - indianheadpark-il.gov - look under Latest News and click on 'Should IHP allow sale of cannabis' to access information and the click on 'please vote here'".

When renting the clubhouse and/or obtaining pool passes **all** fines and assessments must be paid in full and your account must be in good standing before approval will be given.

The crew is making rounds for weeds/trimming. They will make it to every home eventually. We are asking for patience; we are doing the best we can.

Rules/Regulations for Rental Units was adopted by the Board at August meeting, they are effective January 1, 2020. Please see complete Rules and Regulations for Rental Units which are posted on Acacia website under Handbook section.

The park closes at dusk.

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 7pm at the clubhouse.

The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting September 10, 2019

The Board of Directors Meeting of Tuesday, September 10, 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, Murray, Boyd and Voyles.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence to remember those lost on 9-11.

Correction made to August minutes. Ben Boyd was added to the Directors in attendance for the August meeting. Motion (Polacek, Boyd) to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting. All in favor. Motion passed. (9/0/0).

Home Owners comments/questions: Judy from Cascade said the crew did a great job on her landscaping.

Treasurer's Report: John Polacek reports on the Treasurer's Report Page, we see that the Assessment Collection was \$87,341 with other sources giving a total income of \$89,638. Expenses were \$123,538 leaving a net ordinary income of -\$39,900. This is one of the months with a high cost over-run... We had \$12,318 in driveway repair and \$18,546 for lumber expense. That's \$31,000.

The accounts receivable currently stands at \$5,215.45. 18 members having Past Due Accounts. We continue to do all the law allows to collect the outstanding balances.

We had 11 members miss their assessment payment. This cost each of them \$10.00 extra. Currently 224 members use the **ACH**, automatic bank withdrawal and 163 do not. **ACH** insures no late payment fee and no interest charge. **ACH** also saves the office time and money. Please consider this. 57% 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. These will decrease for the next 4 months as the crew and contractors do their stuff at Acacia. We will then start building the balances for next year.

They now stand at:	Reserve Fund Balance	\$203,256.26
	Operating Fund Balance	\$606,014.58
	Total	\$809,270.84

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

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

Recreation Facilities Director's Report: Amy Eckert reports pool is closed for the season. Make sure to put your Pool ID in a safe place- you will need it next year for renewal. We enjoyed a safe pool season.

Kids Swim Night was a hit. Approximately 30 kids and their guests were there to enjoy a night swim. We had extra ice cream and toppings so there were sundaes for all. Thanks to Loretta and Jennifer for helping out. Great feedback from parents and kids – hopefully this can become a yearly event.

Adult end of the year party was held too. There were about 25 people that came to enjoy the final days of the pool – too bad it was too cold to swim.

Our final Sunday event was Popcorn Day. We borrowed a popcorn machine and those at the pool enjoyed the treat. Thanks to Peggy Rose, Alberta and Ben for helping out.

If you have any ideas of other activities for next years' Sunday events please share with a board member or the office.

Diane suggested that after the pool closes for the season that we have a dog swim day. Jose does not think that is a good idea due to issues with pet hair getting into the filter system and clogging it.

Grounds Maintenance Director's Report: Tim Rost reports Service Requests: During the past month 31 service requests were completed for grounds.

Machine repair: During the past month one of our 36-inch riding mowers needed to have a good portion of the engine rebuilt. An electronic vote was conducted of the board members to approve the repair of the machine for \$1,000 and the board OK'd the expense. The repairs were conducted by Russo Equipment Co of Shiller Park. The machine is 8 years old and we will determine at a later date if we intend to replace it next year.

Tree Planting: In an effort to replace some of the trees lost over the past few months I would like to purchase 8 trees from Hinsdale Nurseries.

