

# ACACIA TIMES

**Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association**

**September 2020**

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# **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Upcoming Events:**

September 12th – Movie in the Park (See flyer in this newsletter)

September 19<sup>th</sup> – We Dare You to Buzz (See flyer in this newsletter)

Run for Kelli – (Details in this newsletter)

## **Reminder:**

Per Acacia Rules and Regulations, gazebos and all shades, poles and/or structures that are used for lighting or to create shade on your deck or patio **MUST BE REMOVED BY NOVEMBER 1st**. Fines will be issued on November 2<sup>nd</sup> to all homes with these items still in place. If you do not know if your item is included in this regulation, please call the office. It is always better to ask than be surprised by a letter. This serves as your warning.

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Next Acacia Board Meeting is Tuesday, **October 13, 2020** at 7pm at the clubhouse.

**The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting  
September 8, 2020**

The Board of Directors meeting of Tuesday, September 8, 2020 was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Eckert.

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

Approval of Minutes of the August 11, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting. Polacek, Kwiatek. 9/0/0 Motion passed.

**Home Owners comments/questions:** None.

**Treasurer's Report: John Polacek:** On the Treasurer's Report Page, you can see that the Assessment Collection was \$86,873. With other sources of income, we show a Total Income for the month of \$87,927. Total Expenses were \$106,756.65 leaving a Net Ordinary Income of \$-18,830. We had a Capital Reserve transfer of \$6,000 leaving us with a Net Income of \$-24,830. We are now spending some of our Operating Reserves to balance the expenditures. This is normal every year.

The accounts receivable currently stands at \$4,080.18. **19** members have Past Due Accounts. We continue to do all the law allows to collect the outstanding balances. In August, 14 members had late payment fees and/or interest applied.

Currently 231 members use the ACH, automatic bank withdrawal. ACH insures no late payment fee and no interest charge. ACH also saves the office time and money. Please consider this. 60% of Acacia Homeowners use it. Join the crowd! There really are no dangers. Acacia withdraws only the Assessment on the 20th of the month. If there are other charges, you receive a separate statement. When members do not pay on time, there is a cost of collection. Therefore, a \$25 fee is charged the first time you are late escalating to \$50 thereafter. Avoid those charges with ACH.

Overall, we are in good financial condition. We have two funds – Reserve fund Balance and Operating Fund Balance. They now stand at:

Reserve Fund	\$229,139.05
Operating Fund	<u>\$729,649.59</u>
Total	\$958,788.64

The COVID-19 Pandemic will affect the activities and costs at Acacia but we do not have the details yet.

I move that we accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Polacek, McMillin 9/0/0 Motion passed.

**Clubhouse Director's Report: Peggy Rose Kwiatek:** There was one clubhouse rental in the month of August.

The End of Season Adult Pool Party was held on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. We had low attendance but it was a hot and humid night, so the people there really enjoyed the pool. Individual snacks were provided and people brought their own beverages.

**Recreation Facilities Director's Report: Amy Eckert:** The pool is closed for the year.

We received a renewal for pool management from Chicagoland Pool Management for 2021 season – the cost will be \$42,469 this is an increase of 1.5%

Motion to approve continuation of contract with Chicagoland Pool Management for 2021 season at a cost of \$42,469.00. Eckert, Boyd 9/0/0 Motion passed.

We will be receiving an adjustment to this years' contract soon – the adjustment will be for the days we could not open and for a few days when we asked for additional guards due to larger than expected attendance and for having a guard for a few mornings after most of the guards went back to school.

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**Grounds Maintenance Director's Report: Jack Brandush:** The Acacia grounds crew completed 26 grounds service requests and there were four dead trees removed in August.

There is a safety problem in back of 205 Cascade where large branches from three large trees are cracked and are coming down. I gave approval to Jose to bring in Family Tree Services to trim those trees and remove those branches for \$895.

Amy and I met with SBC Waste Solutions and the Village Administrator to discuss their proposal for waste disposal and recycling for Acacia. This proposal is in conjunction with the Village's franchise project for waste disposal and recycling for all of Indian Head Park with the option for Acacia to not be included. The pickup procedures as promised by the SBC rep would be the same as compared with Groot. As I see it, here are the pros and cons of SBC as a waste hauler for Acacia:

Pros: Electronic Pickup day once per year. At the garage door pickup for the handicapped. Known increases for the 5-year contract (2-3%).

