

ACACIA TIMES

Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association

November 2020

Upcoming Events:

November 26th and 27th – Office and Shop closed for Thanksgiving

December 12th – Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange at Clubhouse

December 19th and 20th – Holiday House Decoration Judging

December 20th – Santa's Reindeer visit Village of Indian Head Park

Board Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Next Acacia Regular Board Meeting, December 8, 2020

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminders:

The new lighting rules adopted by the board take effect January 1, 2021.

New fees/fine schedule approved (effective immediately)- included in this newsletter.

Holiday decorations may be placed on townhomes or surrounding private ground no earlier than 30 days prior to the holiday, except Christmas decorations may be placed the day after Thanksgiving. Holiday decorations must be completely removed no later than 7 days after the holiday, except Christmas decorations, which may remain in place until February 1.

If you are unsure whether or not your project is a minor repair or replacement PLEASE call the office to check – that way you will avoid being fined.

Village Elections – Spring 2021

The Village of Indian Head Park will have 3 Trustee positions up for re-election this Spring. If you are interested in running for one of the positions please contact the office and we will get you the information you need to run. The deadline to turn all paperwork in if interested is early December. It would be nice to have one or more residents of the Home Owners Associations in Indian Head Park as a Village Trustee, after all the HOA's make up a large portion of the village and we currently do not have any voting Trustee from an HOA on the Village Board.

Next Acacia Board Meeting is Tuesday, **December 8, 2020** at 7pm at the clubhouse.

**The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting
November 10, 2020**

The Board of Directors meeting of Tuesday, November 10, 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, and Voyles.

Directors absent: McMillin

Approval of Minutes of the October 13, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting. Polacek, Kwiatek. 8/0/1 Motion passed.

Home Owners comments/questions: None

Treasurer's Report: John Polacek: For November 2020, the Acacia Association Treasurer's Report shows:

Assessment Collection	\$94,655		
Other Sources	\$1,358	Total Collection	\$ 96,013
Total Expenses			\$ 100,081
Net Ordinary Income			\$ - 4,068
Capital Reserve Transfer			\$ 6,000
Net Income			\$ -10,068

We are now spending some of our Operating Reserves to balance the expenditures. This is normal every year.

As of October 30, 2020, the Accounts Receivable stands at \$3,951.82.

22 of 387 members have Past Due Accounts. We continue to do all the law allows to collect the outstanding balances. In October, 2020, 13 members had late payment fees and/or interest applied.

As of October 30, 2020, 235 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. 61% 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	\$241,463
	Operating Fund	<u>\$614,708</u>

Total

\$856,171

I move that we accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Polacek, Consolo 8/0/1
Motion Passed.

Clubhouse Director's Report: Peggy Rose Kwiatek: There was one clubhouse rental during the month of October. We have had some cancellations of rentals in the coming months because of Covid-19 and the new restrictions of only 25 people allowed in a gathering place.

We have received a new quote for fixing the leak in the clubhouse basement from Seepage Seal waterproofing company. Their quote of \$5,650.00 is much more reasonable than our last 2 quotes and it looks like they do a very thorough job.

We contacted one more waterproofing company, called Everdry. They said they do not work for associations, but will come out for a \$300.00 fee which will be credited if they get the job. I do not like that way of doing business. Therefore, I am in favor of having Seepage Seal do the job.

Upon talking to Joe, he had some thoughts on doing a Christmas Parade similar to the Graduation Parade, but with Santa Claus greeting everyone from a distance at the end of the parade, perhaps throwing out candy canes. I think it is a good idea because the children can still see Santa Claus but from a safe distance.

Recreation Facilities Director's Report: Amy Eckert: Jose had 2 estimates for replacement/repair of the basketball and tennis courts. The estimate from US Tennis to remove and replace surface was \$100,000 - \$130,000 (they did not speak with Jose, just came out and looked at the courts through the fence). MCH Sports Surfaces came out and their quote was about \$50,000. They did not feel that the entire court areas needed to be removed but could be repaired.

We still need to decide how much work we want to do and also consider removing one tennis court and replace with fenced dog playground. There was a letter received with no signature that was read to Board members during Executive Session regarding a potential fenced dog playground.

Election Committee:

Lyn has agreed to head the committee. For those Board members whose terms are up for election please let Lyn know if you plan to run again.

For the 2021 Election there are three, three-year terms and one, one-year term to be filled. If you are interested in getting involved and becoming a part of the Board you will need to submit a resume or letter of interest to the Election Committee by January 12, 2021.

