

ACACIA TIMES

Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association

February 2021

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Reminder:

If you or your dog are attacked or bitten by another dog or if you see a dog running loose, you need to contact the Indian Head Park police. Any action to remove the dog or ticket the dog's owner can only be taken by the police and/or the village. You should make sure that you get a report from the police after you contact them.

If we do not make formal reports, there can be no consequences to dog-owners with multiple offences.

Only multiple reports on the same animal will motivate true results.

Board Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Next Acacia Regular Board Meeting, March 9, 2021

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Acacia Annual meeting is February 23rd at **8:00 p.m.**

Please see the candidate resumes in this newsletter

March 5th – Blood Drive 12:00 noon – 5:00 pm – parking lot of Police Department

March 9th – League of Women’s Voters Candidate Forums -7:00 pm – Zoom Meeting for Village of Indian Head Park candidates for Trustee positions – you will have the opportunity to meet them and ask questions of candidates (they also have other Zoom meetings for other local races)

Valentine’s Day decorations should be removed by February 22 or 7 days after the holiday per Rules and Regulations.

Reminder your WINTER decorations should be removed by March 1.

If your car is parked in the cul-de-sac area (and is snowed in) PLEASE move it to another parking spot so Jose and Tim can return and finish clearing the snow. This will help open up more parking spaces in each area.

Next Acacia Board Meeting is Tuesday, **March 9, 2021** at 7pm at the clubhouse.

**The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting
February 9, 2021**

The Board of Directors meeting of Tuesday, February 9, 2021 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, Consolo, Kwiatek, McMillin, and Voyles.

Directors Absent: Boyd.

The 6 candidates for Indian Head Park Trustee were each given 5 minutes to introduce themselves. We thank Charles Eck, Craig Fischer, Greg Scovitch, Eileen Donnersberger, Brenda O'Laughlin, and Amy Jo Wittenberg for taking the time to join us.

Approval of Minutes of the January 12, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting. Polacek, Consolo. 8/1/0 Motion passed.

Home Owners comments/questions: None.

Treasurer's Report: John Polacek: For January 2021, the Acacia Association Treasurer's Report shows:

Assessment Collection	\$89,492		
Other Sources	\$ 1,509	Total Collection	\$ 90,901
Total Expenses			\$ 41,987
Net Ordinary Income			\$ 48,915
Capital Reserve Transfer			\$ 6,000
Net Income			\$ 42,915

We are building up our Operating Reserves for the future costs during the warmer months when the Crew is here. This is normal every year.

If a resident drops off a check and the date is later in the month, we will not hold the check until that date – all checks will be deposited when they are received.

As of January 31, 2021, the Accounts Receivable stands at \$1,928.

20 of 387 members have Past Due Accounts. We continue to do all the law allows to collect the outstanding balances. The previous month, 12 members had late payment fees and/or interest applied.

As of January 31, 2021, 240 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. 62% 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.

We are building our Operating Reserves to cover the increase costs during the warm months. This is the pattern every year. Overall, we are in good financial condition.

We have two funds –	Reserve Fund	\$259,956
	Operating Fund	<u>\$701,152</u>
	Total	\$962,108

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

Clubhouse Director's Report: Peggy Rose Kwiatek: There were no clubhouse rentals during the month of January.

The inside clubhouse Christmas decorations were taken down on January 15th. Thank you to Amy Eckert and Lyn McMillin for helping me. I want to thank Jose also for putting all of the boxes in storage.

Our Comcast bill for the clubhouse went up around \$30 from last month, so I called Comcast to find out why, and to see if we could lower it. I was told the increase was on our basic TV package, and no promotions were available at this time. We already had the lowest TV package. After talking awhile, the agent agreed to lower the cost \$10 per month for 6 months. Then I could call back after 6 months to see if any promotions are available.

I have met with Julie Diorio, who is the lead color consultant for the J. C. Licht Paint Company. She came to the clubhouse with paint samples and gave suggestions for the best colors to update our townhomes. She explained that many colors that may look the same actually have undertones that either harmonize together or clash. She thought that staying in the tan spectrum was best for our townhomes because we will not be changing the colors of our garage doors or windows and gutter trim. She felt the white that is on our townhomes is too stark, and should be muted. Together we chose four tan colors as possibilities, and she will be sending them to Benjamin Moore paint company where they will make artist renderings of our townhomes with these colors. Then our committee will get together again to evaluate them.

Recreation Facilities Director's Report: Amy Eckert: Nothing to report.

Grounds Maintenance Director's Report: Jack Brandush: Maintenance completed 8 grounds requests.

Maintenance inspected and repaired 8 lamp post lights.

