

ACACIA TIMES

Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association

July 2021

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events:

July 21st – Blood Drive noon to 4:00 – Police Department

August 8th – Family Fun Day

August 14th – Movie in the Park – The Parent Trap

September 19th – Indian Head Park Car Show

September 25th – Movie in the Park

Grounds Reminder

Weeding and trimming is done following the paint cycle – once that is done the crew moves on to weed and trim the entire property. The crew trims all bushes but DOES NOT pull weeds on residents' property (which is defined as from the light post to the house in front and in the back from the end of the privacy wall to the house). If you don't want the bushes trimmed, you need to get blue stakes from Maintenance to mark the area. If you want to hire one of the crew members to pull weeds you can do so but only after hours or during their lunch time.

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR THE POOL

Anyone that is wearing a diaper **MUST** wear rubber pants over the diaper when using the main pool – even if it is a swim diaper. This is a Department of Public Health requirement.

Next Acacia Board Meeting is Tuesday, **August 10, 2021** at 7pm at the clubhouse.

**The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting
July 13, 2021**

The Board of Directors meeting of Tuesday, July 13, 2021 was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Eckert.

Directors in attendance were: Pres. Eckert, V.P. Kalinoski, Polacek, Boyd, Consolo, Kwiatek, and Voyles.

Directors Absent: McMillin

Approval of Minutes of the June 8, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting. Kwiatek, Kalinoski. 7/0/1 Motion passed.

Home Owners comments/questions: None

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

Assessment Collection	\$86,670		
Other Sources	\$ 2,812	Total Collection	\$ 89,482
Total Expenses			\$ 107,808
Net Ordinary Income			\$ (18,325)
Capital Reserve Expenditures			\$ 25,000
Capital Reserve Transfer			\$ 6,000
Net Income			\$ (49,325)

We will see the expenditures exceed our income during the warmer months. This is normal every year.

As of June 30, 2021, the Accounts Receivable stands at \$6,277

14 of 387 members have Past Due Accounts. We continue to do all the law allows to collect the outstanding balances.

As of June 30, 2021, 242 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. 63% 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	\$ 290,774
	Operating Fund	<u>\$ 740,602</u>

Total \$1,031,376

I move that we accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Polacek, Kalinoski 7/0/1
Motion passed.

John reported that no auditors have replied to our request to bid. John will call each business to find out why there has been no bid. Then solicit a bid.

Clubhouse Director's Report: Peggy Rose Kwiatek: There were three clubhouse rentals in the month of June.

I will be speaking with Comcast about our business account. We received a message that some of our services are dated.

Recreation Facilities Director's Report: Amy Eckert: Family Fun Day is on this year.

Save the date – Sunday, August 8th 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm.

Water slide, adult volleyball, food, fun.

Please note: the pool will only be open from 12:00 noon until 5:00 pm so we can get everything set up before and cleaned up after.

We need volunteers to help us that day – supervision at water slide, prepping food, serving food, kid's games and more. Please call the office and leave your name and phone number if you are willing to help.

Pool

Pool IDs - 258 households were issued Pool ID's this year, 165 pictures for new pool IDs were taken, along with 57 replacement IDs made. It has been very busy.

We have many Pool IDs that were printed but have not been picked up. If you haven't picked yours up, please stop by the pool to get it.

If you are new to Acacia and need your Pool ID, please call the office for information.

Attendance this year has been great – and guests have increased also. Weekends have been especially busy. June 12 (45), June 13 (90), June 19 (66), June 20 (15), July 3 (72), July 4 (71) and July 5 (67) – and those totals are just residents (numbers are probably higher since most small children do not sign in). Due to the numbers, we have added an additional guard during the day on weekends when the temperature is expected to be high.

IMPORTANT – We have had 2 incidents where someone has had an accident in the main pool. This requires us to close the pool to everyone until it can be cleaned and sanitized – anywhere from 1 to 24 hours. The Department of Public Health REQUIRES rubber pants OVER any type of diaper when using the pool and we will be handing our reminders to

anyone who brings someone wearing diapers. Parents, PLEASE follow this rule at all times – you can get rubber pants on Amazon at a reasonable cost.

Recreation Equipment

The new slide has been delivered and is scheduled to be installed this Friday (weather permitting).

Work on the basketball and tennis courts began. The contractor contacted Jose today to let him know they will start asphalt installation tomorrow morning. Weather permitting the work could be done within the next few weeks. We'll let you know when we have a reopening date.

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Grounds Maintenance Director's Report: Joe Consolo: Since the last Board meeting, we completed 32 grounds service requests, four of which were tree removals. We planted 3 trees on common ground, which brings the total number of trees planted this year to 31. We continued the grounds trimming cycle ahead of the painting cycle.

We replaced bearings on the watering trailer.

Family Tree Works completed the trimming of all contracted tree. Family Tree works also removed an emergency storm damaged tree at 17 Deercrest. Thank you to Jose and Tim for putting a rope around the tree to keep it from possibly falling on someone until Family Tree Works could respond.

We purchased \$772.46 in gas for the mowers and carts, and we purchased \$180.14 in gas for the truck.

Diane asked Joe about weeds on private property and what the criteria is for sending letters to residents. Joe explained that this is a judgement call as to when a letter is sent. Joe explained that we will not send a letter until the weeds have become tall. Joe explained that you never know what your neighbor is dealing with and pulling weeds may not be able to be done immediately. Weeds that are not on private property are pulled by the Acacia crew on a cycle and we can't deviate from that cycle.

Joe also explained that the Acacia Board and staff can't show you where your property lines are to settle any kind of weed/planting or any other issue. When you close on your home you are given a plat of survey with the property lines. Sharon stated that at least one property in Acacia has more than one tax number.

Diane suggested to mark the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day next year, by creating some sort of tree planting program between residents and the association. It was decided that Diane would head a committee with other board members to plan this event.

Townhome Maintenance Director's Report: Ben Boyd:

- Completed 15 townhome service requests.
- Picked up seasonal needs at Menards and Home Depot.
- Carpenter crews are working on fourth set of buildings. Progress is hampered by wood availability as well as unusually high needs of the buildings completed.
- JC Licht contacted to ship remainder of our 2021 paint order.
- Inside Out contacted to begin the painting of maintenance completed buildings.
- Coping will follow painters when four blocks of townhomes are painted.
- Carpenters – Stucco and power washing in progress on Cascade.
- We received two bids for sealcoating the driveways – A&M for \$21,700 and another for \$22,656.00.
- I move that we approve the proposal from A&M to seal coat 112,300 sq. ft of driveways for a sum of \$21, 700.00. Ben Boyd, John Polacek. 7/0/1 Motion passed.
- There were 2 bids for sealcoating the clubhouse parking lot – A&M for \$4,800 and another company for \$5,499.00.
- I move that we approve the proposal from A&M to sealcoat and restripe the clubhouse parking for the sum of \$4,800.00. Ben Boyd, Sharon Kalinoski 7/0/1 Motion passed.
- I need to call a vote of the Acacia Board to approve the sum of \$48,432.90 for Silhouette to remove and replace 16,701 sq. feet of driveways. No competitive bid. After discussion due to the number of monies budgeted, it was decided to table this until next month. Ben and Jose will go back over the list of proposed driveways to be replaced to reduce the number that we do this year. Sharon also has a contact that she will share with Ben from another company to try and get an additional bid for the work.
- Silhouette has proposed to do work on two residences with problem driveways. 2 resident driveways to be repaired by Silhouette for \$1,320.00. Do repairs need a board vote? Yes.
- I move to accept the bid from Silhouette to repair 2 driveways and a part of an island parking area for the amount of \$1,320.00. Ben Boyd, Joe Consolo 7/0/1 Motion passed.

Contacted Jamie Hardie, a cement and fiber siding approved area contractor to look into cost involved in using cement board on our homes. Smart Build Inc. charges a \$250.00 consultant fee to meet with us and create a 3D rendering for one model and cost to cement side stucco and wood walls.

Motion to contract with Smart Build Inc. for the amount of \$250.00 for services. Ben Boyd, Sharon Kalinoski 7/0/1 Motion passed.

Village Relations Director's Report: Sharon Kalinoski: This meeting was in-person, all trustees present. No one at or near the board table wore masks, neither did most of the audience present. The mayor stated that masks are not required there for those who are vaccinated against Covid. Number of Covid cases not mentioned. (I looked it up, only 3 more cases in IHP since my last report)

Sidewalks: Plainfield Road and Wolf Road both in Phase 1 studies. Should have Wolf Road proposals this fall, and will be another year before Phase 1 ends. Village board is opposed to 5 lane proposals for Plainfield Rd., but wants sidewalks on both sides.

294 updates: Work continues, some construction done at night with ramp closures; project will continue also next year. Plainfield Road bridge construction will start this year, with lane closures at some times.

Water rates will increase 7 cents per 1000 gallons, to pass along the increase from Countryside. Mayor wanted to increase rate by 8 or 9 cents per 1000 gallons.

The car show date was changed to Sunday, Sept. 19. Blood drive at police station on July 21, noon to 4pm.

Trustee Donnersberger requested IHP spend additional 10K on landscaping for Acacia Drive project.

Village Administrator said there will be a community survey done soon. (I have not seen it yet)

Acacia Drive construction project has been held up by Nicor work; could begin at end of July.

There was another board meeting on July 8. Video not available yet. Next board meeting is Thursday, August 12.

Amy stated that there was an update to the Acacia Drive project – it is delayed due to the Nicor work. **Nicor** will contact 107 homeowners in Acacia to disconnect and reconnect gas in their homes. Phase 1 of the Acacia Drive project is looking to start in August and be finished by the end of the year. At the Village Board Meeting trustees said that due to issues that were not anticipated, there may not be as much money for landscaping when the sidewalks are complete. Trustees said that once the sidewalks are done, they may need to budget more money for landscaping next year. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the road construction you need to call the Village at 708-246-3080.

Architecture and Landscape Director's Report: Diane Voyles: For the month of June there were 13 requests for new projects, 4 inspections of completed projects and 3 new homeowner inspections completed.

2 warning letters were sent for various violations.

Last year we published patio lighting guidelines which need to be clarified for our Dearborn residents.

The current rule reads:

On Dearborn units, upper patio/deck lighting may be attached to the deck railing or the home but no higher than the gutter above the patio/deck sliding door.

Multiple homeowners have used poles to raise the lighting above the deck railing on their upper patio, which was not the intent in the original rule above.

Suggested clarification:

On Dearborn units, upper patio/deck lighting may be attached to the deck railing or the home but no higher than the deck railing at the outer edge and no higher than the gutter above the sliding door. Poles are not permitted to raise lighting around the upper deck.

After a board discussion it was decided that the wording would not be changed.

Welcome Baskets: Peggy Rose Kwiatek: Two welcome baskets were delivered this past month to new residents from 57 Westwood and 5 Tanglewood. Our guidelines and amenities were explained to each family and their questions were answered. They both were very appreciative of the welcome baskets.

If you have recently moved to Acacia and have not received a welcome basket, please call Peggy Rose at 708 505-4733.

Office Report: Amy Eckert: If you have a problem with a maintenance issue (i.e., grass cutting, power washing, painting, weeds, trees) please call the Maintenance Office (708-784-9295) NOT the office. If Jose is not there leave him a message on the voicemail. Kim cannot solve your problem or address your issue.

If you don't already get your newsletter and information from us via e-mail please consider doing so. All you need to do is complete the form included in this newsletter and drop it at the office or in the clubhouse mail slot (also available on the Acacia website).

Homeowner Forum: Melissa from Cascade asked what the protocol is for collecting assessments. Amy responded she will give her details later that there is a set process that is followed. Melissa also asked about the weeding cycle. Jose explained that they start in a different spot each year and go around the entire property. If there is time once the whole

property is complete, they will start at the beginning again. Melissa suggested adding to the lighting rules that flood lights are not allowed above the top of the decks on Dearborn's.

Maureen from Cascade suggested that the Village of Indian Head Park's phone number be published each month in the newsletter for people who have questions that only the Village can answer.

New, Ongoing, or Other Business: Many residents have asked why we are still requiring masks in the clubhouse – especially since the CDC and State of Illinois have said only those not vaccinated are required to wear them. I would like the Boards' input on whether or not we should make the change. A vote was taken regarding wearing of masks in the clubhouse and the Board voted 4 yes and 3 no to change this to the following: If you are unvaccinated you are required to wear a mask when entering the clubhouse.

Motion to close Open Session – Eckert, Kalinoski 7/0/1 Motion passed.

ACACIA FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday – August 8th

**** Pool open 12-5 pm ****



Water, soda, beer

Food served at 1:00 pm

**Water Slide
1-4 pm**

**Food
Drinks
Games
Fun**



**Pool
ID's and
guest
passes
required
Limit of
4 guests
per
family**

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