

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 19th – We Dare You to Buzz (See flyer in this newsletter)

Run for Kelli – (Details in this newsletter)

Reminder:

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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 28th. 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%).

Cons: Only in business for 4 years. Unknown performance (how good are their promises). Locked into a contract for 5 years. Contract tied in with the Village and Acacia loses all control of business contracts in future years. I am not sure who the true owners of the company are (2 of the Village Trustees voted against the IHP contract). The 2021 proposed cost from SBC is \$69,300. Groot has frozen their 2020 price for 2021 and their proposal is \$70,263.72. This price does not include the 8-yard dumpster that is picked up at the garage.

I make a motion that we continue to contract Groot Recycling and Waste Services in 2021 for \$5855.31 per month and the pickup of an 8 yard container on call for \$14.26 per yard starting on 1/1/21 to 3/31/21, pickup 4 times per week from 4/1/21 to 9/30/21 at \$1,227.56 per month, and pickup 1 time each week from 10/1/21 to 12/31/21 for \$306.88 per month. Brandush, Eckert 9/0/0 Motion passed.

Townhome Maintenance Director's Report: Ben Boyd: 9 Service Requests Completed. Silhouette Paving replaced and resurfaced 21 driveways.

Jose inspected all the driveways.

Townhome crew offered overtime starting August 17, 2020.

Cedar cost for 2x12x20 planks have gone from \$145.00 to \$249.60.

Cedar cost for 1x12x20 planks have gone from \$80.60 to \$117.00.

Quote for 2x12x20 pine plank \$50.87.

Inspected the four units on Deercrest 11,13,15, and 17 and all cedar will be removed and pine planking used as replacement.

Power washing completed through Hawthorne Square.

The carpenter and stucco crews are currently completing repairs on 17-25 Hawthorne Square.

Painters finished painting building through Elmwood Drive.

In an electronic vote the Board of Directors approved an aluminum coping test case project for four units on Deercrest Square- 11,13,15, and 17 will have cedar parapets removed/replaced with primed pine and covered by aluminum coping. Contracted with Inside-Out company at a cost of \$5,250.00. Work to be completed before this year's Deercrest paint cycle has been completed.

Village Relations Director's Report: Sharon Kalinoski: Mayor reported Covid-19 cases are up to 60 reported in IHP. Wear masks, social distance, and stay home if sick. Pillars Comm. Nurse in LaGrange offers Covid tests.

Cook County approved paying 1.8 million for phase 1 project study for reconstruction of Wolf Rd. with drafts of plans. **IHP Board will discuss at the Sept. 10 meeting whether to allow fences along Wolf Rd.**

83% of census is complete in IHP; deadline is Sept. 30 to be counted.

Federal gov't. paid 1.5 million of what IHP spent on the water main replacement project so far. This was somewhat unexpected, but welcome.

Several Acacia and nearby residents made public comments opposing the Acacia Drive sidewalks for numerous reasons including to protect trees, keep green space, maintain home values, and avoid wasted funds. Village Administrator said we will have an ordinance guiding sidewalk use. A rep from Strand Engineering said that the driveway aprons at 1 to 5 Cascade would be concrete, same as sidewalks.

In response to a question about how Cook County would join the Acacia Drive sidewalk to the Wolf Rd. sidewalk, due to the needed area being private property, the mayor said he did not know and that the county would have jurisdiction.

The IHP board voted to select alternative #2 for reconstructing Acacia Drive with a 3-foot-wide buffer and a 5 foot wide sidewalk all along the outer (east) side of Acacia Drive, with a sidewalk along the south side of Cascade from Acacia to Blackhawk Park, **despite the objection to sidewalks by the overwhelming majority of homeowners.** Construction is expected to begin in April of 2021.

Movie in Blackhawk Park on Sat. Sept. 12 with Covid guidelines.

The next village board meeting is this Thurs. Sept. 10 at 7pm.

FYI: There are 3 Village Board seats up for election in April, 2021.

Architecture and Landscape Director's Report: Diane Voyles: For the month of August there were 7 requests for new projects and 8 inspections of completed projects.

We are increasingly getting requests to sign off on paperwork in a very short time, 1 to 3 days. This is extremely unfair to ask the ALCC team to basically be at the beck and call of the homeowners. As we all know this is a volunteer position. Homeowners, please plan accordingly. Allow for at least a week to have your ALCC forms approved.

If these emergency requests do not stop, I am going to recommend we don't approve anything for a week.

Topic of the month – Gazebos and patio lighting

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Welcome Baskets: Peggy Rose Kwiatek: No new welcome baskets were delivered this past month. I reached out to a couple of new residents, but they were not moved in yet. They will call me when ready.

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: Renewal of Insurance (Workmen's Comp) Sept 11, 2020. Price went down this year.

Homeowner Forum: No questions.

New Business: We have several upcoming events in the area.

Sept. 12th – Movie in the Park – DoLittle – movie at 7:30 – bring a blanket or chair; remember face mask and social distancing – see flyer in newsletter for details.

Sept 19th – We Dare You to Buzz – virtual fundraiser for Assisting the Homeless – see flyer in newsletter for details.

Kelli Joy O'Laughlin Memorial Foundation

“RUN FOR KELLI” is going Virtual in 2020! -

Run a 5K or Walk 1 Mile between 9/27 and 10/27. You pick the day; you pick the time and you pick the state! Register today at RunForKelli.com

Crew party - Sept 25th – no invites this year – need to look into how to serve food – buffet style serving is discouraged by health department.

The Board members discussed the components of the 2020 Reserve Study and some concerns were discussed regarding the starting point of our Reserve Funds (amount) and how that impacted the total study and potential costs going forward. Each Director will be looking closely at what was recommended for their respective areas - both time frames and costs involved in recommended replacement/repairs. The Board will continue to discuss how and when recommended work will be done.

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session: Eckert, Kalinoski 9/0/0 Motion passed.

Executive Session: Nothing to report from Executive Session.

Motion to close Open Session – Eckert, Polacek 9/0/0 Motion passed.

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DoLittle (2020)

September 12

Show Time: 7:30pm (Doors open 7:00pm)

Blackhawk Park, Indian Head Park IL.



Mask are required in common areas.
Guests should keep a 6ft physical distancing from other guests.
Snacks will be available while supplies last. Please bring a chair or blanket.
Door prizes will be available while supplies last.

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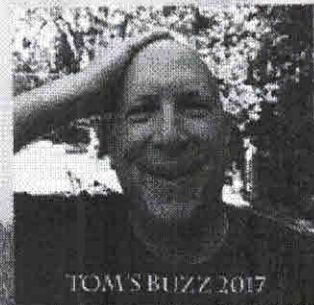


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