

ACACIA TIMES

Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association

August 2020

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events:

The village of IHP and SEASPAR are in the planning stages for a movie in the park. The date will be September 12, 2020. Further information will be shared when it is available.

The end of summer adult pool party will be held on Friday, August 28th from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. We will practice social distancing and please bring masks to the party. Bring your own beverages, and individual snacks will be provided. You may also bring your own snacks, but we will not be sharing snacks. This Covid - 19 pandemic has taken a lot of fun things away from us this year, so we would like to still keep this tradition of the end of summer adult pool party. Please plan on coming to spend a little time with your neighbors and friends.

Reminder:

- *If you are planning an outdoor event and are going to use a tent you must get prior approval from the ALCC. Failure to do so will result in a \$100.00 fine. Use the ALCC approval form for Common Areas/Rental Equipment which is available on the Acacia website.
- *Kiddie pools can be placed on common ground when in use during the day only. They must be removed from common ground overnight.
- *Fire pits are allowed only on your private property - not on common ground.
- *Reminder that all basketball hoops and any other toys, etc. must not be left on driveways overnight.
- *The crew is at 237 Cascade on the weeding and trimming cycle. They will go South on Cascade towards Elmwood and back down around Cascade to Stratford.
- *Groot will not take yard waste. If you bundle it and place it at your curb Acacia will pick it up.

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

The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting August 11, 2020

The Board of Directors meeting of Tuesday, August 11, 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. Director McMillin was absent.

Approval of Minutes of the July 14, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting. Eckert, Kwiatek. 8/0/1 Motion passed.

Home Owners comments/questions: Cleo from Nacona thanked Jose and the crew for doing a good job with the prepping and painting. Cleo asked about the sealcoating schedule. Amy explained that half of Acacia is seal coated one year and the other half is seal coated the next year.

Joe from Elmwood said he thinks there should be no renters in Acacia.

He asked why we can't vote electronically? Amy responded that the state of Illinois prohibits homeowners' associations from electronic voting.

Joe asked if the crew would benefit from the association purchasing a bobcat? Jose said he did not think it would be cost effective.

Joe stated he thinks assessments should be raised to provide a better living experience for people in Acacia. He thinks we should provide entertainment and have more gatherings at the clubhouse. Amy stated that we have had low attendance in the past. Joe suggested recreational activities such as Bocce Ball and a bags game area.

Treasurer's Report: John Polacek: On the Treasurer's Report Page, you can see that the Assessment Collection was \$83,235. With other sources of income, we show a Total Income for the month of \$84,983. Total Expenses were \$166,469.01 leaving a Net Ordinary Income of \$-81,486. We had a Capital Reserve transfer of \$6,000 leaving us with a Net Income of \$-87,486. We are now spending some of our Operating Reserves to balance the expenditures. This is normal every year.

The accounts receivable currently stands at \$3,631.12. **14** members have Past Due Accounts. We continue to do all the law allows to collect the outstanding balances. In July, 9 members had late payment fees and/or interest applied.

Currently 228 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. 59% 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	\$222,975.04
Operating Fund	<u>\$775,997.18</u>
Total	\$998,972.22

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, Boyd 8/0/1 Motion passed.

Clubhouse Director’s Report: Peggy Rose Kwiatek: The Acacia wide garage sale that was held on July 24th and 25th was a huge success! Kim put together maps and addresses of all the homes that were involved in the sale. I distributed 6 or 7 maps to each seller on the day before the sale, so they would have them to give out to buyers. We advertised the sale on Nextdoor and Craig's List, along with garage sale signs in the neighborhood. The weather cooperated with no rain, although it was hot. Thank you to all who participated as sellers and buyers.

There was one clubhouse rental last month.

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Recreation Facilities Director’s Report: Amy Eckert: Pool Rentals: 1 rental in July and 2 more scheduled for August.

Guests are now allowed – no more than 2 per household per day – guest passes can be picked up in the office – waiver must be filled out by guest **every time they come to the pool.**

Shortened hours will begin August 20th when lifeguards go back to school.

Here is the schedule of open hours:

