

ACACIA TIMES

Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association

February 2022

Happy
VALENTINE'S
 **DAY** 

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY 22, 2022 – 8:00PM

Acacia Association Annual Board Meeting with the
Acacia Board of Directors Election Results

ELECTION REMINDER:

Please remember to vote and turn your ballot in at the office – you can drop it off while
The office is open or drop it in the mail slot if office is closed.
Please seal it in the ballot envelope.

A Note from The Acacia ALCC

Winter decorations need to be removed by March 1st to avoid being fined. This
includes things like pine/balsam wreaths, snowflakes, etc.

Valentine Decorations must be removed by
February 22nd, 2022 to avoid being fined.

If you are thinking about outdoor work being done on your home this spring remember
that you must have approval from ALCC before any work begins. Please make sure you
fill out the Request for Approval Form for all outside work and wait to get approval
before you begin.

Any questions you can call the office at 708-246-2400 or email acaciaihp@gmail.com.

WOLF ROAD UPDATE:

Now is the time to let village officials know how you feel about the possible expansion
of Wolf Road and the addition of sidewalk and, or bike path as well as how landscaping
will be replaced. The Phase I Study should be completed soon and then there should be
public hearings.

You can email the village with your thoughts, concerns, or ideas at
admin@indianheadpark-il.gov.

ATTENTION HOMEOWNER'S WITH CATS IN ACACIA:

A resident has complained that a house cat is being let out, without supervision or on a
leash. This is scaring her, her bird, and eating dead wild animals. Please keep your cats
and dogs in your house, or on a leash supervised. Thank you.

The Big Snow - February 2, 2022



Winter in Acacia
Your Assessments hard
at work for you



The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting

February 8, 2022

The Board of Directors Meeting of February 8, 2022 was brought to order at 7:02 p.m. by Vice President Kalinoski.

Directors in Attendance: Vice President Kalinoski, Director Consolo, Director Polacek, Director Kwiatek and Director Voyles.

Directors Absent: President Eckert, Director Boyd, and Director McMillin.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Polacek motioned to approve the meeting minutes for the January 11, 2022 Board of Director's Meeting, which was seconded by Director Kwiatek.

Minutes for the January 11th, 2022 were approved by a vote of 5-0-0.

Homeowner Forum: Resident Judy had nothing to share.

Treasurers Report:

For January 2022, the Acacia Association Treasurer's Report shows:

Assessment Collection.....	\$106,343
Other Sources.....	\$ 547
Total Collection.....	\$106890
Total Expenses.....	\$ 37,957
Net Ordinary Income.....	\$68,933
Capital Reserve Transfer.....	\$00
Net Income.....	\$68,933

Our income is greater than out spending so we are increasing our Operating Reserves for later in the year. This is normal every year.

As of January 31, 2022, the Accounts Receivable stands at \$11,076.69.

Twenty-three of three hundred and eighty-seven members have Past Due Accounts. Six members were not aware of the \$10.00 increase in the monthly assessment. Two members are catching up on their past due accounts. One member is scheduled for court. We continue to do all the law allows to collect the outstanding balances. The previous month, fifteen members had late payment fees and, or interest applied.

As of January 31, 2022, 248 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. 64% of Acacia Homeowners use it. Join the crowd! There really are no dangers. Acacia withdraws only the Assessment on the 20th of each month. If there are other charges or fines, you receive a separate statement. When members do not pay on time, there is a cost of collection. Therefore, a \$25.00 fee is charged the first time you are late escalating to \$50 thereafter. Avoid those charges with ACH. By the way, 5 members pay their assessment for the whole year in January.

Overall, we are in good financial condition.

We have two funds –	Reserve Fund	\$201,203
	Operating Fund	<u>\$559,090</u>
	Total	\$760,293

I move that we accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented.

I would like to suggest that the Board set a goal for the year for the Operating Fund Reserve and budget for it. My experience in life, in business, in the LTHS School Board and here at Acacia tells me that a healthy reserve is always a good thing. Emergencies happen and the reserves make them manageable.

Director Polacek motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented seconded by Director Consolo.

The motion approved with a 5-0-0 vote.

Clubhouse Director’s Report:

There were 2 clubhouse rentals in the month of January.

Bunco night had a low turnout this month with only 3 people, so we decided to have a card game instead. Thank you to Anita who went home to get the card game “Five Crowns” and taught it to us. It was very fun! We will try again to hold Bunco next month on March 1st at 6:30 pm. Please bring your own beverage and \$5.00 for the prize money. Masks must be worn in the clubhouse.

Recreation Facilities Director’s Report:

Jose received two quotes from A&M Fence to replace the fence along the south end of the pool. The quotes include the entire length of the pool as well as the area around the storage area near the pump room. This work needs to be done before the pool opens so that we don’t need to close the pool while they are working in the area. The company is

aware of our timeline and said they can get us on their schedule if we confirm this month.

The first quote was to replace using cedar wood and wood posts and the cost was \$11,900.00. If we want to upgrade the posts to steel, it is an additional \$1,100.00. The second quote was to replace same amount but using TREX type material (non-wood) and that quote was for \$22,900.00.

Director Consolo motions to accept the bid from A&M Fence using cedar and steel posts at a total cost of \$13,000.00 and Director Polacek seconds the motion.

The quote for the 13,000.00 was accepted with a 5-0-0 vote.

Lighting Proposals for replacing the lights for the courts, swimming pool and parking lot are still being worked on. One of the bids we received was from Ener Light that included substantial rebates from ComEd that would reduce our costs for this project, but the company is still waiting to get confirmation from ComEd. The owner of the company said they expected the confirmation in February. He also said we can't go ahead and replace them and then apply for the rebate – the rebate needs to be approved before work is done and inspected after the work is complete. He also said that the process for the rebate is handled by his company.

As the potential savings could be up to 50%, I feel we should continue to wait until the company receives information from ComEd. This is work that can be done in the spring/summer if needed.

Grounds Maintenance Director's Report:

Since the last Board meeting, we completed two grounds service requests. We picked up seasonal needs at Menards and Home Depot.

We had three snow events during the last month:

- January 23, 2022 – Route 2
- January 28, 2022 – Route 3
- February 2, 2022 – Route 4.
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We had about ten inches for the February 2, 2022 snow event. It was a wet heavy snow and it took fifteen hours to clean the driveways. The fact that the Village did not do a great job plowing the area early made it more difficult and time consuming on our plowing company.

We purchased \$359.41 in gas for the truck.

Townhome Maintenance Director's Report:

There were zero service requests for the month of January 2022. Staff is working with three wood suppliers to find a suitable size, which would be less costly wood to replace the cedar that is covered with coping.

Village Relations Director's Report:

Covid positive cases in IHP reported by CCDPH at eight hundred and twenty cases as of February 3, 2022. This does not include home tests. This is an increase of two hundred and fifty-four since the start of 2022. Bear in mind the total on January 14, 2021 was only two hundred and thirty-eight. So, there were more in the past 5 weeks than in 2020.

Village Board of Trustees meeting report for January 13, 2022:

This meeting was held virtually on Zoom, with numerous audio glitches in the first hour. The recording shows a frozen screen and no audio for much of the meeting.

The mayor reported that the Wolf Road alternatives from Cook County should be available around March. He said that covid is rampant in this area, and to do everything possible to mitigate the virus spread. The community survey results are in the recent Smoke Signals village newsletter.

Due to the frequent audio cutouts, I could not follow discussions fully nor discern what was being voted on much of the time. Discussion about the Smoke Signals publication seemed to indicate that it would go back to a quarterly issue and keep being mailed out.

Discussion of potential village goals for the year in connection with the upcoming budget process, with twelve potential items to be decided at the February 10, 2022 meeting. Some items included a suggested \$25,000 for Acacia Drive landscaping, improvements to Blackhawk Park, adding more community events, new sign for Village Hall, a village sign for the corner of Wolf & Joliet Road, an electronic sign for in front of the Heritage Center library or elsewhere, and setting aside money for future Wolf Road landscaping replacement.

The next village board meetings are Feb. 10,2022, March 10,2022, and April 14. 2022; all at 7:00pm at village hall or online. If you are concerned about the plans for Wolf Road reconstruction, please make a point to view or attend meetings and send your comments to the Village Trustees. There may also be special public meetings to present the construction alternatives which will include a center turn lane for the full length of Wolf Road and sidewalks, and or paths on one or both sides.

Architecture and Landscape Director's Report:

For the month of January there was one request for new projects and zero inspections of completed projects.

Valentine's Day decorations should be removed on or before February 22, 2022 or seven days after the holiday per Rules and Regulations.

Reminder your winter decorations should be removed by March 1. This includes all pine, balsam, and winter wreaths.

Welcome baskets:

No welcome baskets were delivered in the month of January.

Acacia Office: No report at this time.

Election Director's Report:

1. We have received 4 resumes for three open positions for the Board of Director's Election. The candidates are;
 - Ben Boyd
 - Jennifer Cione
 - Patti Chiapetta
 - Tom Herley
2. A request for absentee ballot for out-of-town residents was sent out in the January 2022 Newsletter, and is also available on the website.
3. Ballots have been mailed on Thursday, January 27, 2022. All Acacia Residents can vote from February 1 through February 22, 2022. Ballots can be dropped off at the Clubhouse or dropped into the ballot box anytime the clubhouse is open or dropped into the mail slot for times the clubhouse is closed.
4. The election results will be counted at the Clubhouse on February 22, 2022. The Annual Association Meeting will be to follow.
5. A big thank you to Linda for all her help.

Homeowner Forum: No report from resident in audience.

New Business:

Director Voyles opened a discussion about raising the closing fees from \$125.00 to higher dollar amount, for when residents sell their townhomes. With President Eckert absent, they will bring this discussion and perhaps a motion and vote to the next Board of Director's meeting.

No Executive Session

Vice President Kalinoski motioned to adjourn the February 8, 2022 meeting, seconded by Director Consolo.

Motion passed with a 5-0-0 vote.

Meet Your

LOCAL CANDIDATES

2022 Acacia Board of Directors Election Candidates

PATRICIA CHIAPPETTA: My name is Patti Chiappetta and I live at 26 Elmwood Drive. I would like to be added to the ballot as a board member. I served 5 years on the district 106 educational foundation. I was a vice president, president and a director. I have lived in the district all my life. I also work full time as a manager for NYSE datacenter operations.

BENJAMIN BOYD: Education: University of Illinois – Marketing Major Work Experience: Forty years of various capacities in the steel industry. Outside Activities: President of the Board of Directors for the non-profit organization, Interfaith Community Partners. Interfaith Community Partners provides senior citizens that no longer drive with free rides to medical appointments, grocery shopping, physical therapy and various other appointments. The main reason that is driving me to run again, is I would like to see the painting and coping project that I spearheaded for the maintenance of the Acacia Townhomes. I want to be the driving force to ensure that the long-term costs of the townhome maintenance are kept to the lowest minimum possible, while making sure our neighborhood is still maintained properly, beautifully, and to the benefit of the Acacia Association Residents.

JENNIFER CIONE: I've been a resident of Acacia since 1998 – I raised my 2 children here because I enjoy all that Acacia has to offer for families and I have made many lifelong friends living here in Acacia. My family has enjoyed the open space, swimming pool, basketball courts and the social activities over the years. I did move away for a few years but realized what I was missing so I moved back to Acacia. Over the past 10 years I have become more involved with Acacia by volunteering to help various Board members during Family Fun Day the past several years, issuing pool IDs, parties at the clubhouse and other social activities planned by the Board throughout the year. I would like to serve on the Board of Directors to work to keep Acacia a great place to live and raise a new generation of families. I would appreciate your support and vote in this year's election in February.

TOM HERLEY: I have resided at 192 Cascade Dr. for 29 years. I am running for a position on the Board of Directors. I have a background in History and am a recovering lawyer. I have a B. A. in History from Elmhurst College and a law degree from Northern Illinois University. I am also a veteran having served in the U. S. Air force as a Morse Systems Operator in Turkey. For the past 20 years I have been a docent at our Heritage House Library. Perhaps we have met there. I look forward to serving the community and feel my background would be beneficial to preserving our wonderful Acacia

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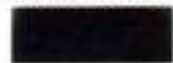
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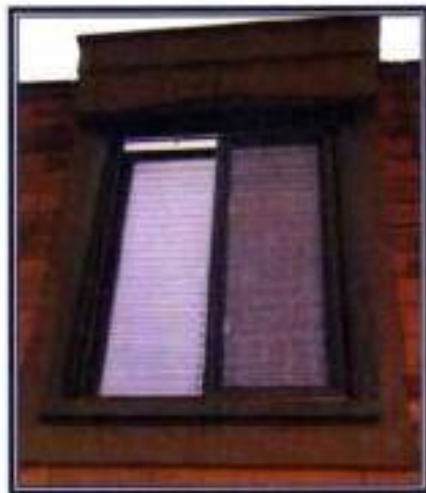


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