1) **ROLL CALL:**
   a) Commissioners –Brad Bafaro, Ralph Brown, Howard Sullivan, Susan Taylor, Jeremiah Toews and Paul Waterstreet. Absent: Mackenzie Johnston Carey, Kenneth Cobleigh and Glenn VanBlarcom.
   b) Staff – Tom Gamble and Matt Baum.

2) **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**: The minutes of the August 16, 2017 meeting were approved.

4) **ADDITION/DELETIONS**: None

5) **OLD BUSINESS:**
   a) **Rogers Park**
      i) The design/development phase is nearing the end and a final concept will be available soon.
      ii) The project will be completed in phases, with Anna and Abby's Yard and the restrooms given priority in phase one.
         (1) The surface in Anna and Abby's Yard will be rubberized.
         (2) ADA accessibility was a huge factor is the design.
      iii) The tennis courts will be refurbished with paint and new lines and will incorporate tennis, pickleball and futsal.
      iv) The new pathways will be compressed gravel.
      v) There will eventually be 26 design elements that will allow for programming opportunities for park users.
      vi) The trees were thinned to help keep them healthy. Watering was limited to once a week this year, June thru August.
   b) **Thatcher Park Woods**
      i) Two hundred goats spent five days chowing down in Thatcher woods, taking the stems down to ground level. They covered the entire area and the perimeter.
      ii) They don't eat the ferns or holly.
      iii) The Parks crew will now be able to spot treat areas if/where it is necessary.

6) **NEW BUSINESS**:
   a) **Levy Presentation**
      i) There will be a local option levy in November.
      ii) The current levy expires June 30, 2018 and this will be a renewal levy.
         (1) If it passes it will be a five year levy, 2018 to 2023 at a rate of $1.60 per $1000 of a homes accessed value.
         (2) The general fund allots $2.4 million to Fire, Police, Emergency Medical Response, Parks, Aquatics and the library.
            (a) 80% of that amount goes to Police and Fire.
            (b) Fire had 3812 calls last year and 80% of those calls were for medical.
            (c) Police had 25,892 calls
            (d) The Aquatic Center is open 7 days a week and had 120,000 visitors last year.

(e) The Library is open 6 days a week.
(f) Local taxes provide 49.4% of the City's budget.

b) **Aquatic Center 50th Anniversary**
   i) Plans are underway for a week of celebrations, culminating the weekend of June 16 and 17, 2018 to welcome anyone who has been involved at the pool over the last 50 years.
   ii) A Facebook page has been set up to supply information and reach out to people.

7) **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**
   a) **Howard:**
      i) The Corn Roast had record numbers of visitors this year.
   b) **Paul:**
      i) Went on the Watershed Tour which lasted about 4 hours. They spoke about how they are treating invasive plants, tree plantings and how things are growing back over the last two years after the logging operation.
   c) **Susan:**
      i) The question of affordable housing is being raised. One area of concern is should the developers have to pay SDC's for these dwellings or have a reduction in the amount they pay.

8) **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:**
   a) None

9) **STAFF REPORTS:**
   a) **Matt:**
      i) The goats were a huge success!
      ii) There are a couple of volunteer projects coming up.
      iii) The National Honor Society has been working up at Thatcher Park and is doing a great job.
   b) **Tom:**
      i) The Aquatic Center closure was successful, with both pools painted and new counters in the front lobby and the staff room. Kudos to Andrew!
      ii) Water Polo is in full swing along with fall swimming lessons, so things are busy at the pool and revenue is up.

10) **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 7:00 a.m.

11) **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 a.m.