

First Energy Stadium Commission

Annarose Ingarra-Milch – Chairperson
James Schlegel – Secretary/Vice Chair
Rick Mountz-Member
Strat Marmarou – City Council Liaison
Ralph Johnson – DPW Liaison

Stadium Commission Meeting

Date: January 23, 2019

Location: RBI Room, First Energy Stadium

Present: Annarose Ingarra-Milch, James Schlegel, Rick Mountz, Strat Marmarou, Ralph Johnson

Guest: General Manager Scott Hunsicker

Submitted by: James Schlegel, Secretary

Order of Business

I. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Annarose Ingarra-Milch at 7:04 pm.

II. Minutes of the October 24, 2019 meeting were presented and a motion was made to accept the minutes, seconded. The motion carried and will be forwarded to the City Clerk.

III. Presentation by General Manager Scott Hunsicker

Mr. Hunsicker shared the following updates:

Opening day is set for April 12th and opening day for the Dream League is set for April 13th.

- The playing field at the stadium has been re-sodded which was paid for by the Fightin Phils organization.
- During the fall, picnic area railings were repaired and repainted.
- There are approximately 8-10 stadium lights that need bulbs replaced. This job will be completed in the spring.
- The roof above the beer stand was repaired and a hot water heater for the women's restroom was replaced. This was paid for using designated city funds.
- There are metal gates leading into the facility that are rusted and need to be replaced. Mr. Hunsicker is currently working on the problem with the assistance of Ralph Johnson.
- Mr. Hunsicker shared that some of the new replacement stadium seating have been cracking. He is in communication with the manufacturer to resolve the problem.
- Mr. Hunsicker shared with the Commission that a well know writer, Ben Hill, visited all 160 minor league ballparks and named First Energy Stadium #1 I in the country.

Regarding the 2019 CIP (Capital Improvement Project) allocation Mr. Hunsicker asked that the \$5,000 allocation be applied to replace additional decking around the stadium as well as to replace rusted gates as a matter of safety.

- Ralph Johnson shared that it is necessary for all work scheduled at the stadium to be done with city approved contractors. Mr. Johnson will forward a list of approved contractors also used by Reading Housing Authority.
- Following is a tentative list of 2019 events at the stadium other than baseball:
 - Wed 4/17 Oley Valley vs. Hamburg High School Baseball Game 6pm
 - Sat 4/20 Touch-A-Truck for Junior League 11am-3pm
 - Sat 6/15 Walk for Mental Wellness, Greater Reading Mental Alliance
 - Thur 9/12 United Way Kick Off Breakfast – 7am
 - Sun 9/15 Walk for Autism Awareness hosted by the Autism Society of Berks County
 - Sat 9/21 Humane Pennsylvania Walk for the Animals & Walktoberfest
 - Sat 9/28 Guts & Glory
 - Mon 11/11 Veterans Day Ceremony

IV. Old Business

A letter was received from Mr. Edwin Stock, Solicitor to the City of Reading Board of Ethics in regards to gift reports submitted by the Commission last year. The Board reversed its decision stating, “the items that the members of the Stadium Commission received would not be gifts because the items are given to the members of the Stadium Commission in consideration for the services of the Commission members which services the members have to perform as part of their duties as Commission members and, thus, the items are being exchanged for consideration of equal or greater value.”

V. New Business

The current slate of officers were nominated to continue to serve another term. A motion was made and seconded. Motion carried. Officers elected are as follows: Annarose Ingarra-Milch, Chairperson; James Schlegel, Secretary/Vice Chair.

VI. Miscellaneous

- Chairperson Annarose Ingarra-Milch has completed the annual report to City Council and will be submitting it prior to the deadline of January 31, 2019.
- Strat Marmarou stated that he is aware that there are three new Stadium Commission applications and one re-instatement application awaiting approval.

A motion was made to adjourn and the meeting concluded at 8:05pm the next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for March 27, 2019