

First Energy Stadium Commission

James Schlegel - Chairman

Rick Mountz - Member

Michael Schorn - Member

Strat Marmarou - City Council Liaison

Cindy Castner - DPW Liaison

Stadium Commission Meeting

Date: September 16, 2020

Location: First Energy Stadium

Present: James Schlegel, Rick Mountz & Cindy Castner

Absent: Michael Schorn & Strat Marmarou

Guest: Frank Denbowski, Chief of Staff – Mayor's Office

Order of Business

I. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order by Chairman James Schlegel at 7:00 PM.

II. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the August 26, 2020 meeting were presented and a motion was made to accept the minutes as read. The approved minutes will be forwarded to the City Clerk.

III. Old Business

- The Chairman noted that he sent an email to the City Clerk asking to verify a change to the Stadium Commission Ordinance (23-406) that was approved by City Council. He also presented some additional changes that is recommended by the Commission to further bring the language of the ordinance up to date. As of this date there has not been a response from the City Clerk's Office.
- As per the Stadium Commission Procedural Rules, the Chairman presented (virtually) to City Council the 2019 Annual Report. This report was compiled by our past Chairperson Annarose Ingarra-Milch. Members of City Council responded very positively, thanking the Commission for all the work they do and for keeping the Stadium in good repair.

IV. New Business

- The Chairman asked the Commission Members to report back at the next meeting of items to be included in the 2020 Annual Report. This report will need to be generated and submitted to the City Clerk by January 31, 2021.
- Commission Members had a lengthy discussion regarding attracting new members to the Commission. The Chairman will check with the City Clerk's Office to see if there are any pending applications. Rick Mountz suggested that we reach out to some former

members to see if there is interest in serving again. The Chairman stated that it was imperative that we have a full membership by the first of next year in order to fill officer positions.

V. Miscellaneous

- Mr. Frank Denbowski, Chief of Staff for the Mayor's Office was in attendance. He shared with the Commission his interest in helping all Boards and Commissions to meet their membership requirements and to assist them in whatever way possible. He thanked the members for giving their time to volunteer to keep the stadium a valuable asset to our community. Mr. Denbowski shared with the Commission that he may be of assistance in helping with budget issues designated for Stadium Capital Improvement Projects. There is especially a concern over the need to update the stadium lighting. It was agreed that there needs to be ongoing planning and communication between the Reading Fightin Phils Organization, DPW (Cindy Castner), the Mayor's Office and the Stadium Commission. Mr. Denbowski stated that he will work to insure that going forward all parties are represented and can all work together toward a common goal. Ms. Castner stated that she is arranging a meeting with GM Scott Hunsicker, AGM Matt Hoffmaster and herself to begin to compile a list of improvement items that need to be addressed. The Chairman asked that he be included in this meeting. Finally, Mr. Denbowski stated that the Capital Budget for the City is stressed and that it will take some creative planning to get things done. He is optimistic and stated that if we work together, we can make things happen.
- Mr. Denbowski stated that he will put forward to City Council the Commission's recommendation that the Ordinance 23-401 be changed from a nine member commission to five members. It was agreed upon by the Commission that five members would be more productive and would meet the needs of our mission.

A motion was made to adjourn and the meeting concluded at 7:37 PM, the next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for November 18, 2020.