

First Energy Stadium Commission

James Schlegel - Chairman
Rick Denunzio - Vice Chairman/Secretary
Rick Mountz - Member
Michael Schorn - Member
Gary Yeager, Jr. - Member
Strat Marmarou - City Council Liaison
Cindy Castner - DPW Liaison

Stadium Commission Meeting

Date: January 27, 2021

Location: First Energy Stadium, RBI Room

Present: James Schlegel, Rick Denunzio, Rick Mountz, Michael Schorn & Gary Yeager, Jr.

Absent: Strat Marmarou & Cindy Castner

Guest: Scott Hunsicker, GM Reading Fightin Phils

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 November 18, 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 Annual Report to City Council was reviewed by Commission members. No additions or corrections were indicated, therefore, the report will be sent to the City Clerk. Members voiced their appreciation to the Chairman for preparing a well written report.

IV. New Business

- Two new members of the Stadium Commission were introduced, they shared their background and their desire to serve on the Commission. Rick Denunzio was newly reappointed to the Commission after having served for a previous five year term. Gary Yeager, Jr. is a new appointment who has a background in coaching for 21 years. With these two additions, the Stadium Commission is now at full membership.
- Scott Hunsicker, GM for the Fightin Phils presented an overview of what lies ahead for the team and for the stadium. He initially stated that the Fightin Phils are very fortunate in that the ownership and the franchise are very stable. He stated that some clubs have been totally disbanded and others have been struggling to keep things afloat. The owner and management of the Phils has been able to keep all front office employees and pay them through this difficult time. This is truly a testament to our strong owner and franchise. Scott also shared that there will definitely be a baseball

season in Reading this summer. The schedule of games has not yet been verified, it should be coming out in February. The schedule will look different due to issues revolving around the Covid-19. He also stated that the stadium will be used for other teams to utilize the facility. He gave examples of offering college level games in addition to high schools and even grade school teams. He also stated that Baseball Charities will have a full season of programs and opportunities for youth.

- Election of officers were held with the following outcome: James Schlegel - Chairman; Rick Denunzio - Vice Chairman/ Secretary.

V. Miscellaneous

- None

A motion was made to adjourn and the meeting concluded at 7:50 PM, the next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for March 24, 2021.