

First Energy Stadium Commission

James Schlegel - Chairman
Rick Denunzio - Vice Chairman/Secretary
Rick Mountz - Member
Michael Schorn - Member
Gary Yeager, Jr. - Member
Carlos Torres - DPW Liaison
Donna Reed - City Council Liaison
Strat Marmarou - Commissioner Emeritus

Stadium Commission Meeting

Date: January 25, 2023
Location: First Energy Stadium, RBI Room
Present: James Schlegel, Rick Mountz, Gary Yeager, Jr., & Donna Reed
Absent: Rick Denunzio, Michael Schon, Carlos Torres, & Strat Marmarou
Guest: Scott Hunsicker - GM Fightin Phils

Order of Business

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the November 30, 2022 meeting were presented and a motion was made by Rick Mountz to approve and seconded by Gary Yeager, Jr., the motion passed. The minutes will be forwarded to the City Clerk.

III. Old Business

- Scott Hunsicker, GM Fightin Phils presented an overview of the progress being made on the new upgrades at First Energy Stadium. Currently the steel structure is being raised and should be completed by the end of February. Two other items are currently a priority, new poles and lights and reinstalling the home run wall. Both of these items should be completed by March 20, 2023 which is well ahead of Opening Night on April 11, 2023.
- Scott also discussed the issue of having to apply for a deferment because we are over the time limit for some of the improvements to be completed. The deferment has been approved and all areas of the project are still on track for completion sometime in early 2024.
- Scott also stated that there has been no further action concerning the bank building.

IV. New Business

- Chairman Schlegel presented a request from Scott Hunsicker for appropriation of \$5,000 which is an annual contribution from the Stadium Commission for capital repairs at First Energy Stadium. The request is to replace worn deck wood in the left field and pool areas. A motion was made by Rick Mountz to authorize the work to be done and to be paid once invoices have been received by the Commission, seconded by Gary Yeager, Jr. The motion passed. The Chairman will notify Scott Hunsicker to proceed with the work.

IV. New Business (continued)

- Nominations were accepted for new officers for 2023. The following members were nominated: James Schlegel for Chairman and Gary Yeager, Jr. for Vice Chairman/Secretary. A motion was made by Rick Mountz to accept the slate of officers and seconded by Gary Yeager, Jr. The motion passed.

V. Miscellaneous

- Chairman Schlegel lead a discussion on the idea of recognizing past commission member Frank Denbowski with a personalized stadium brick. Frank has been an advocate for the Stadium Commission and has been a vital link to City Government during recent years. His dedication to the Commission and to the city has been an inspiration to all who knew him. The members decided to discuss this issue at our next meeting when more members will be in attendance.

**A motion was made to adjourn and the meeting concluded at 7:32 p.m.
The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for March 22, 2023.**