

First Energy Stadium Commission

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

Stadium Commission Meeting

Date: January 28, 2026
Location: First Energy Stadium, RBI Room
Present: James Schlegel, Rick Denunzio, Michael Schorn, & Donna Reed
Absent: Gary Yeager, Jr., Rick Mountz, Strat Marmarou, & Carlos Torres
Guest: Scott Hunsicker - General Manager, Reading Fightin Phils

Order of Business

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman James Schlegel.

II. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the October 19, 2025 meeting were presented and a motion was made by Rick Denunzio to approve without change and seconded by Michael Schorn; the motion passed. The minutes will be forwarded to the City Clerk.

III. Old Business

- Scott Hunsicker shared the progress of activity at The Redner's Event Center. There are 178 non-baseball events already scheduled for this calendar year.
- The eminent domain procedure continues, but the changeover regarding the bank building hasn't occurred yet.
- Once again, Scott updated members that the relationship with Diamond Baseball Holdings (DBH) is progressing favorably.
- Improvements with concessions included the addition of new POS systems.
- Attendance was down a little last year due to inclement weather on many weekend games (400,000 total fans for 2025 season). Scott praised his staff and DBH for recognizing the dip in numbers and then strategically devising a "new feature" for the upcoming season.

III. Old Business (continued)

- There will be an area directly behind home plate called the "Owner's Box". This all-new section provides 36 fans with comfortable seating, front row experience, and waitress service.
- He is also currently working on new advertising sponsorship opportunities.
- Scott presented copies of the letter for appropriation of \$5,000 which is an annual contribution from the Stadium Commission for capital repairs at First Energy Stadium. This year's request is to replace decking in the pool area. They are looking into using Tyvex boarding which will hold up better and longer. Discussions continue on the possibility of replacing the bathrooms down the 3rd baseline and more joint sealant repairs are necessary in the grandstand area.

IV. New Business

- Chairman Schlegel presented the \$5,000.00 annual appropriation letter received from Scott Hunsicker. Mike Schorn made a motion, and it was seconded by Rick Denunzio; the motion passed. Jim will send an EM to Scott to move forward with work improvements outlined and to ensure we get invoices to approve reimbursement in accordance with the ordinance.
- Procedure was outlined for the Election of Officers for 2026. Rick Denunzio opened with a nomination for Jim Schlegel as Chairman; Jim accepted. With no further nominations for Chairman, nominations were closed.
- Mike Schorn made a nomination for Gary Yeager, Jr. as Vice Chairman/Secretary. Gary was not present but forwarded an email to Chairman Schlegel that he would accept if nominated. With no further nominations for Vice Chairman/Secretary, nominations were closed.
- With no opposition to each nomination, a motion was made by Mike Schorn and seconded by Rick Denunzio; the motion passed.

V. Miscellaneous

- The Fightin Phils begin the 2026 season on the road with their Home Opener at First Energy Stadium on Tuesday, 4/7/26.

With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn by Chairman Schlegel, seconded by Michael Schorn, and the meeting concluded at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting of The Commission is scheduled for March 25, 2026.