

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: March 26, 2025
Location: First Energy Stadium, RBI Room
Present: James Schlegel, Rick Mountz, Rick Denunzio, Donna Reed, & Carlos Torres
Absent: Gary Yeager, Jr., Michael Schorn, & Strat Marmarou
Guest: N/A

Order of Business

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm by Chairman James Schlegel.

II. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the February 26, 2025 meeting were presented and a motion was made by Rick Mountz to approve without change and seconded by Rick Denunzio; the motion passed. The minutes will be forwarded to the City Clerk.

III. Old Business

- Chairman Schlegel shared about a utility pole that was hit by a car back on December 1, 2024 on Front St. which is located on city property. The pole was severely damaged and needed to be replaced. Fightin Phils Assistant General Manager, Matt Hoffmaster called MetEd five times over a period of time and received no returned call. When he finally received a response, he was told that the pole belongs to The City and MetEd is not responsible for replacement. The Fightin Phils contacted their electrician, and they subcontracted to have the pole replaced. This work was completed on March 20, 2025. MetEd was there to oversee the work and to reconnect the electric lines. The City is aware of the party responsible for hitting the pole and is following up with the insurance company to reimburse all bills incurred.
- At the time of the pole issue, a representative of MetEd informed the Chairman that the roof above the grandstands looked to be in dire need of repair. The Chairman passed this information onto Carlos Torres who has been aware of this issue. Carlos indicated that this project is on a list of items to be addressed in the near future.

IV. New Business

- Jim updated commission members that Opening Day ceremonies will take place on Friday, April 4, 2025. Beginning with a pre-game social event from 4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m., all commission members then need to assemble at the third base fence opening by 5:45 p.m. The pre-game ceremony will begin with introductions at 5:55 p.m.
- Lastly, all commission members were asked to provide The Chairman with the number of tickets requested for this event.

V. Miscellaneous

- It was noted during the meeting that a former member of The Stadium Commission and a man who has become a legend at First Energy Stadium, Ducky Turner celebrated his 90th birthday. Turner dedicated 55 years to working and volunteering in different roles at the ballpark. It was decided that it would be fitting by recognizing Ducky with a commendation from The City and The Stadium Commission at an upcoming opening game ceremony. Chairman Schlegel and City Council Liaison Donna Reed will follow-up to see if it is possible.

A motion was made to adjourn by Rick Mountz, seconded by Rick Denunzio, and the meeting concluded at 7:35 p.m. The next meeting of The Commission is scheduled for August 13, 2025.