

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

Stadium Commission Meeting

Date: March 26, 2026
Location: First Energy Stadium, RBI Room
Present: James Schlegel, Gary Yeager, Jr., Rick Mountz, Michael Schorn, Carlos Torres, & Donna Reed
Absent: Rick Denunzio
Guest: N/A

Order of Business

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Chairman James Schlegel.
- The Chairman and members all honored Commissioner Emeritus, Strat Marmarou with a moment of silence.
- All followed suit with another moment of silence for Christ Kraras.

II. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the January 28, 2026 meeting were presented and a motion was made by Rick Mountz to approve without change and seconded by Michael Schorn; the motion passed. The minutes will be forwarded to the City Clerk.

III. Old Business

- Donna Reed shared two (2) ordinances introduced to City Council that will be voted upon Monday, April 13th following the successful acquisition of the former bank building via eminent domain. The estate accepted the fair market value of \$505,000.00 based upon appraisals from both sides of the settlement.
- The 1st ordinance will be "Approving the Agreement of Sale for the Purchase of 2040 Centre Avenue", and the 2nd ordinance will be "Amending the lease for First Energy Stadium by adding 2040 Centre Avenue to the parcel."
- If City Council votes to adopt these ordinances as bills (Bill No 22-2026 & Bill No 23-2026 respectively), the schedule of annual payments will be revised to reflect the addition of the old bank building. The Reading Fightins will pay The City of Reading through 2037 to lease the entire square block under one deed.

III. New Business

- Chairman Schlegel passed out a hard copy of the email received today from Matt Hoffmaster, Assistant General Manager regarding the commission's invitation to Opening Night on Tuesday, 4/7/26.
- Details were recapped, particularly the pre-game social event and timing for all members to assemble at the 3rd base fence. We will once again headline the pre-game ceremony with introductions on the field and then enjoy the buffet and ballgame from the historic Third Base '67 Club Picnic Area.
- All were asked to share the number of tickets to reserve by no later than Good Friday, 4/3/26.

IV. Miscellaneous

- Jim shared that he ordered flowers for Strat's funeral services on behalf of The Stadium Commission. All in attendance thanked him and agreed to help offset the cost for this kind gesture.
- A quick discussion ensued regarding the possibility to say a few words honoring Strat at Opening Night. The consensus pivoted since there is always so much going on during the home opener to plan for a tribute later in the season. This will allow time to brainstorm manners to commemorate a special night with photos on the videoboard and more.
- Lastly, a 60th Anniversary Commendation will be presented to Scott Hunsicker while we are on the field with him. The Reading Phils and The Philadelphia Phillies enjoy the longest affiliation in professional baseball.

With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn by Rick Mountz, seconded by Michael Schorn, and the meeting concluded at 7:35 p.m. The next meeting of The Commission is scheduled for April 29, 2026.