

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 27, 2024
Location: First Energy Stadium, RBI Room
Present: James Schlegel, Gary Yeager, Jr., Rick Denunzio, Rick Mountz, Carlos Torres, Donna Reed, and Strat Marmarou
Absent: Michael Schorn
Guest: N/A

Order of Business

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman James Schlegel.

II. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the January 31, 2024 meeting were presented and a motion was made by Rick Denunzio to approve without change and seconded by Rick Mountz; the motion passed. The minutes will be forwarded to the City Clerk.

III. Old Business

- Chairman Schlegel shared a recap of updates received from Scott Hunsicker, Fightin Phils' GM regarding the Redner's Event Center, important dates, etc.:
 - All construction and furnishings on the 1st floor are complete so they can properly receive the Fightins' team this Saturday, 3/30/24 arriving from Clearwater, FL.
 - The 2nd floor is also on track for completion in May; furthermore, the 1st group is already booked in June. This appealing space will then begin to operate as intended as a premier location for all types of events.
 - A ribbon cutting ceremony is tentatively slated for May 20th; however, specific details will follow as more tasks are realized.
 - Visiting teams will use the old Fightins' locker room, etc. until that portion of the project is finalized.
 - The NEW videoboard is up and running.

III. Old Business (continued)

- Carlos Torres, DPW Liaison summarized the recent work performed, upcoming docket, and invoices paid by The City of Reading under the capital budget for repairs and improvements at First Energy Stadium:
 - Despite initial reporting that two (2) hot water heaters needed replacement, only one (1) was deemed critically necessary at this time. This was satisfied at \$25,000 plus the cost of a mixing valve at \$6,000.
 - Similarly, only one (1) of the five (5) rubber expansion joints are being handled presently. This repair will cost \$18,500 which is slated for 4-6 weeks (April).
 - All raised sidewalk concerns caused by tree roots will be rectified by Opening Day.
- Lastly, Chairman Schlegel commented on the curbing and progress of the parking lot on the other side of the outfield wall. This will conclude with the drop-off area for the Redner's Event Center.

IV. New Business

- Assistant GM, Matt Hoffmaster invited all Commission Members and their significant others to attend Opening Night on Tuesday, 4/9/24. Gates open at 4:45 p.m. and we will meet at 5:55 p.m. down the 3rd baseline to participate in pre-game introductions on the field. We will then enjoy the game vs. The Portland Sea Dogs in the Penn State Health St. Joseph '67 Club Picnic Area.
- A reminder for all to complete and send in our Statement of Financial Interest by May 1st.

**A motion was made to adjourn by Rick Mountz, seconded by Gary Yeager, Jr.,
and the meeting concluded at 7:25 p.m.**

The next meeting of The Commission is scheduled for May 29, 2024.