

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: September 25, 2024
Location: First Energy Stadium, RBI Room
Present: James Schlegel, Gary Yeager, Jr., Michael Schorn, Rick Denunzio
Absent: Rick Mountz, Donna Reed, Strat Marmarou and Carlos Torres
Guest: N/A

Order of Business

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman James Schlegel.

II. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the May 29, 2024 meeting were presented and a motion was made by Mike Schorn to approve without change and seconded by Rick Denunzio; the motion passed. The minutes will be forwarded to the City Clerk.

III. Old Business

- Jim began the meeting by passing out copies of photos taken of The Commission's participation in the ribbon cutting ceremony back on May 20th. His gracious gesture was met with immediate appreciation from those in attendance.
- With the end of the season craziness, Jim did not have the opportunity to speak or sit down with Scott regarding updates on the Redner's Event Center and construction updates on the visitors' clubhouse. He will do so shortly to share at next month's meeting.
- Chairman Schlegel recapped a letter dated September 17, 2024 from Scott Hunsicker to the Stadium Commission regarding the \$5,000 annual appropriation from the City of Reading for capital repairs at First Energy Stadium. In summary, worn out wood was replaced to prevent trip and fall hazards, as well as to bolster wooden walls that rotted away from the Left Field Deck and Pool Picnic Area.

III. Old Business (continued)

- Copies of the aforementioned letter, the invoice, and a Fightins' check stub were presented to Gary Yeager, Jr. to maintain on file. The originals will be sent to DPW highlighting work completed so the annual \$5,000.00 appropriation check can be processed by the City of Reading.
- A motion was made by Gary Yeager, Jr. to accept the report and proceed with this annual ordinance; it was seconded by Mike Schorn and the motion passed.
- Mike Schorn reiterated the ever-decreasing purchasing power of this \$5,000 that was set for appropriation decades ago. He lamented the common-sense agreement that "everything" is exponentially more expensive since this ordinance was accepted.
- Further discussion ensued on the challenge of paying future bills with unchanging monies from the past. An honest review that reflects increases in materials, labor rates, and the sheer economics will undoubtedly help counter the mounting expenses of ongoing maintenance/repairs to our lovely home.
- Now that the off-season is here, The Commission maintains our commitment to assisting with Upcoming Events at the stadium and inside the Redner's Event Center.

IV. New Business

- Jim reminded all to submit volunteer hours so he can include them in his year-end report.

**A motion was made to adjourn by Rick Denunzio, seconded by Michael Schorn,
and the meeting concluded at 7:18 p.m.**

The next meeting of The Commission is scheduled for October 30, 2024.