

First Energy Stadium Commission

James Schlegel - Chairman
Rick Denunzio - Vice Chairman/ Secretary
Rick Mountz - Member
Michael Schorn – Member
Gary Yeager Jr - Member
Carlos Torres - DPW Liaison
Strat Marmarou – Commissioner Emeritus

Stadium Commission Meeting

Date: January 26, 2022
Location: First Energy Stadium, RBI Room
Present: James Schlegel, Rick Denunzio, Michael Schorn, Gary Yeager, Jr., Carlos Torres, & Strat Marmarou
Absent: Rick Mountz
Guest: Scott Hunsicker, GM, Fightin Phil

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman, James Schlegel

II. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the October 27, 2021 meeting were presented and a motion was made by Michael Schorn to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Gary Yeager, Jr. Motion passed and the minutes will be forwarded to the City Clerk.

III. Old Business

- The Commission addressed the issue of Vaping at First Energy Stadium following a request made by City Councilwoman Goodman-Hinnershitz. The Commission fully discussed the issue and recommends that vaping be included in designated smoking areas at the stadium. (A letter in response to the Councilwoman's request is attached to the minutes.)
- Fightin Phils GM, Scott Hunsicker gave an update on stadium upgrades with ground breaking to begin on September 15, 2022. Mr. Hunsicker shared photos of the new facility and described the layout of the new addition. This project will meet all Professional Development League requirements in addition to providing a year-round venue for community events.
- Mr. Hunsicker presented a request for the Annual Appropriation of \$5,000 from the City of Reading for improvements to First Energy Stadium. The work includes replacement of wood decking and masonry work throughout the deck area. A motion will be made at our next meeting to approve the appropriation.

IV. New Business

- The Chairman introduced the new liaison from the Department of Public Works, Carlos Torres. Mr. Torres shared some of his background and his desire to be a part of the Stadium Commission.
- Mr. Schlegel introduced a resolution to appoint Strat Marmarou as Honorary Commissioner Emeritus. Mr. Gary Yeager, Jr. made the motion to accept the resolution and seconded by Mr. Rick Denunzio. The motion passed. (A copy of the resolution is attached to the minutes.)
- Nominations were made to elect officers for the Stadium Commission for 2022. Mr. Gary Yeager, Jr. nominated James Schlegel to serve another year as Chairman. Mr. Rick Denunzio was nominated to serve another year as Secretary/Vice Chairman. A motion was made by Mr. Michael Schorn to approve the slate of officers and seconded by Mr. Gary Yeager, Jr. The motion passed.
- Mr. Schlegel presented a copy of the 2021 Annual Report to City Council. It was reviewed by the Commission and will be forwarded to the City Clerk.

V. Miscellaneous

- The Commission briefly discussed the issue of how the money appropriated from the City, County and State for stadium upgrades will be monitored and who is directly responsible for accountability. It was suggested that Mr. Carlos Torres check with the Director of Public Works to provide any information that he may have to address this issue.

A motion was made to adjourn and the meeting concluded at 8:26 PM, the next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for March 30, 2022

First Energy Stadium Commission
Reading, PA

Date: January 26, 2022
To: Councilwoman Marsha Goodman-Hinnershitz
From: James W. Schlegel, Chairman
Stadium Commission
Re: Vaping at First Energy Stadium

Dear Councilwoman Goodman-Hinnershitz;

You requested, through the Chairman, that the Stadium Commission examine the issue of the designated vaping area at First Energy Stadium. This issue was placed on the agenda for the October 27, 2021 meeting. At that time the issue was discussed by the membership. Additional input was provided by Scott Hunsicker, GM of the Fightin Phils. Following those discussions, the Stadium Commission reviewed the current policy at its meeting on January 26, 2022 and recommends the following action:

“City Outdoor Air Policy, Section 10-1301, Facilities – any outdoor area owned or operated by the City of Reading including, but not limited to, City-owned Park, playgrounds, bleachers, restrooms, concession areas, dugouts, open areas, etc., with the exception of City-owned facilities having areas specifically designated for smoking and approved by Council.”

The Commission recommends that the above section of the City Outdoor Air Policy include vaping in specifically designated smoking areas.

Please feel free to call on me if I can be of further assistance.

**CITY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA
STADIUM COMMISSION**

RESOLUTION

**CONFERRING LIFETIME EMERITUS STATUS TO STRATTON MARMAROU,
CITY OF READING, STADIUM COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, in special recognition of his distinguished service to the City of Reading and the City Stadium Commission, the City Stadium Commission wishes to confer lifetime emeritus membership to Stratton Marmarou; and

WHEREAS, Stratton Marmarou is a lifelong resident of the City of Reading, a career law enforcement officer, and long-standing supporter of local athletics including as a founder of Little League of Berks County in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marmarou has served as a member of Reading City Council representing the 4th District since 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marmarou has served as a member of the City Stadium Commission for 13 years and has served as its Chairman during his tenure;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY STADIUM COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Stadium Commission grants and confers lifetime emeritus membership to
Stratton Marmarou;

That this emeritus membership shall not include voting rights nor permit Mr. Marmarou to
be included in any determinations as to quorum;

That this lifetime membership made with the sincere gratitude of the Stadium Commission
and in recognition of the service and contributions of Stratton Marmarou to the City and to the
Commission.

Adopted _____, 2022

James W. Schlegel, Chairman

Rick Denunzio, Secretary

