

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

Donna Reed- City Council Liaison

Strat Marmarou- Emeritus member

Stadium Commission Meeting 10-26-2022

Location- First Energy Stadium, RBI Room

Present; James Schlegel, Rick Denunzio, Gary Yeager Jr,

Mike Schorn

Absent; Rick Mountz, Carlos Torres, Strat Marmarou, Donna Reed

Order of business

- I. Call to order at 7:00PM by Chairman Schlegel
- II. Approval of meeting minutes from 9/28/2022; minutes presented and approved as read. Motion to accept by Gary Yeager Jr and seconded by Mike Schorn. Motion passed.
- III. Old Business: Excavation is ongoing at the Stadium and site was visited by Chairman Schlegel and Scott Hunsicker so Chairman Schlegel could give progress report to City Council. Bricks saved from wall have been cleaned up and stacked to be reused as part of entrance way construction to new addition with Vo-Tech labor to be used in future when possible. Work on the outside shell is expected to be completed by the start of the 2023 baseball season. The date for the final completion of the project is still uncertain. Local contractor Burkey Construction Company is General Contractor for project. Chairman Schlegel gave report to Commission of his discussion with City Council.

Cost has gone up due to inflation and supply costs to a possibility of 21 to 22 million needed for completion and additional funding will be needed. Additional funding has been approved by City Council in the amount of 1.5 million dollars. A request was also submitted to the State for additional funds. Other funding options are still being considered to complete the process. Scott Hunsicker has applauded the city government for their enthusiastic support. Mayor Moran has also thanked the Commission for their support and efforts in this endeavor.

IV. New Business: An agreement has been made between the Reading School District and the Fightin Phil's to provide use of the stadium for all High School home baseball games starting with the 2023 season and extending into future seasons. The School District will be paying a fee to Fightin Phil's , along with this agreement the Phillies will be offering some internships to students at Reading High School.

V. Miscellaneous; The City of Reading and the Fightin Phil's will be reaching out to see if anyone with knowledge of the initial building of the stadium would come forward and be part of the Anniversary celebration of the City of Reading at the Stadium. Chairman Schlegel also mentioned that with the 24-hour security cameras at the stadium that the progress of the construction project is being filmed for future reference. An article in the Reading Eagle was posted with Chairman Schlegel giving his insights to the Construction project at the Stadium. The commissioners gave their volunteer hours to chairman with it totaling at over 200 hrs.

VI .Chairman Schlegel asked that with no further business a motion was made to adjourn meeting at 7:50, second by Gary Yeager Jr, meeting adjourned. Next scheduled meeting of Reading Stadium Commission will be held November 30th, 2022 at 7:00PM in the RBI room of the stadium.