

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 9-28-2022

Location- First Energy Stadium, RBI Room

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

Mike Schorn ,Strat Marmarou, Donna Reed

Absent; Carlos Torres

Order of business

- I. Call to order at 7:00PM by Chairman Schlegel
- II. Approval of meeting minutes from 5/18/2022; minutes presented and approved as read. Motion to accept by Gary Yeager Jr and seconded by Mike Schorn. Motion passed.
- III. Old Business; Discussed upgrades to stadium, Scott Hunsicker was not available to attend meeting to give update, City Council representative Donna Reed gave a report that the upgrades will be at a higher cost than expected of 22 million instead of the 16.5 that was allocated. Scott Hunsicker asked City Council for additional funding and they granted them another 1.5 million. Scott Hunsicker is in the process of altering some of the upgrading to stay at a lower cost and still meet Major League Baseball guidelines. Additional funding was also asked to the County Commissioners but no information at this time. Construction has started on the upgrades with the taking down of the brick wall, this is

being done with the help of the Reading Muhlenberg Vo-Tech school labor, the bricks are being saved to be reused. Had discussion on the unconditional use of the property at 2040 Centre Ave. Donna Reed stated that City Council is trying to get some of the property dedicated to the City. There has been no new reports from the Reading Zoning Commission on this property due to the bottle club request. Stadium Commission member Mike Schorn questioned that it would be advantageous for the City to buy this property if possible. Strat Marmarou asked if the private funding report was available. Chairman Jim Schlegel reported that without Scott Hunsicker present it will have to be tabled until next meeting.

- IV. New Business; Strat Marmarou mentioned that he is in the process of seeing if he can move the Policeman's Ball and yearly picnic to the new facility at the stadium. Chairman Schlegel is in the process of putting a report together to present to City Council on October 24th on the progress of the Commission. Chairman Schlegel requested all Commission members to report their volunteer hours for 2022 so he can include them in his yearly report at the end of the year. 2023 will be the 275TH anniversary of the City of Reading which will include a celebration at First Energy Stadium.
- V. Miscellaneous; discussion was held on the bricks that are being saved from the wall be sold with buyers name put on them and contribute the fees to a charity or help in funding for the upgrades.
- VI.

Chairman Schlegel asked that with no further business a motion was made to adjourn meeting at 7:40, second by Gary Yeager Jr, meeting adjourned. Next scheduled meeting of Reading Stadium Commission will be held October 26th, 2022 at 7:00PM in the RBI room of the stadium.