

Stadium Advisory Committee  
Tuesday, April 9, 2018, 3:30 p.m.  
Dunedin Community Center  
Dunedin, FL  
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Sandbergen, on Tuesday, April 9th at 3:34 pm.

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| Attendees: | Steve Sandbergen | (Committee Chairman)                     |
|            | Gail Dull        | (Committee Member)                       |
|            | Tom Pels         | (Committee Member)                       |
|            | John Keller      | (Committee Member)                       |
|            | John Hanson      | (Committee Member)                       |
|            | Shelby Nelson    | (Blue Jays)                              |
|            | Mike Leberatore  | (Blue Jays)                              |
|            | Tom Mahoney      | (Parks & Recreation Committee Chair)     |
|            | Vince Gizzi      | (City, Director of Parks and Recreation) |
|            | Maureen Freaney  | (City, Vice Mayor)                       |

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:32pm with a quorum.
2. Movement to approve the minutes for February 12, 2019 made by Tom Pels, seconded by John Keller.
3. Shelby Nelson: Renovation-power to be cut shortly, cleaning out the concourse of anything to be "saved". Fencing goes up next week. Official "knocking down" starts May 1st. Plans to work right to February 1, 2020. Next to no questions from neighbors. Spring Training: Mike Leberatore-Lost the sold out Boston game due to rain. Split squads were the biggest challenge attendance wise. Chatter by fans about the new stadium was positive. Had opening game at Jack Russell-City of Clearwater has fallen behind on a few things. The game was successful. They are moving equipment for every game until the end of April. No retail. Jays will be able to take over the stadium at the end of April. Minor League Baseball has tested the lighting-meets lighting standards. Discussion by John Hanson-Parking was a problem. Will be working for a solution. Gail Dull: provide some shade/pop ups for daytime games. Mike said they will be working on that. Tom: Are chairs allowed? Mike: yes, umbrellas and chairs are allowed this year. Solon complex: John Keller - How's it

working? Shelby: Fencing up, windscreen soon, working on checking trees and will close another field at the end of the month. Will have 3 fields the rest of the year.

4. Steve Sandbergen: Any security issues for Spring Training? Mike: Didn't think so- there were no ejections and no security issues.
5. John Keller: Can you see the games at Solon? Mike: No. Games are being played at the complex but no fans allowed. JK: Are there contingencies if the facilities are not complete? Mike: For minor league-likely road games. Shelby: it shouldn't, the stadium is the priority but even if not complete, it should be operational enough to be ok to open.
6. Vince Gizzi: There are quarterly reports for the construction that have to be made to the State and an economic impact study for the State, will be conducted. Steve: How is the funding? Vince: State monthly draw, for the County TDC-by draws by the invoices and once they are verified they are submitted. City upfront, Blue Jay funds are bi-annual.
7. Vince: July 3rd celebration/fireworks. With the Stadium under construction, Parks & Recreation looked at six (6) alternative locations for this year. There were logistical concerns or environmental challenges with each location. Parks & Recreation looked into having a barge for the fireworks; \$60,000 to \$80,000 to be budgeted. Parks & Recreation looking at an alternative laser show at the Community Center. Official Stadium groundbreaking is Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10am. Vince to MC, Shelby speaking on behalf of the Blue Jays. Dignitaries and all partners in the process will be represented. Steve: Are we on schedule? Vince: We have weekly production meetings; we'll have a better idea in a few meetings.
8. Steve: How can we contribute as a committee to keep everything going? Vince: The committee has done a lot so far and it is greatly appreciated and we will have additional things that the committee can assist with.
9. Move to adjourn by, Gail Dull, seconded by Tom Pels. Meeting adjourned at 4:11p.m.