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<b>Subject</b>	Scott Longert, sports archivist at Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS)
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<b>Interviewer</b>	lisa kelly
<b>Special Notes</b>	League Park, Cleveland Sports, Immigration/Ethnic Neighborhoods, very good stories

**minutes:**

- 1 introduction and background as a fan and historian of baseball
- 2 Cleveland Indians
- 3 first Indians game at municipal stadium  
the sporting life: "me and my friends would leave in the morning and ...just play ball
- 4 all day long"
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- 6 favorite players: "my first hero was rocky colovito"
  
- 7 [6:45 forward] WRHS realizes historical importance of sports to cleveland culture
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- 9 Shandy Hall historical site
- 10 [9:50 forward] society for american baseball research (SABRE)
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- 14 a typical day at the historical society
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- 17 old League Park
- 18 ownership, location is everything
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- 20 "a state of the art facility"
- 21 refurbishing the park in 1910
- 22 financing the park, advertising
- 23 right field was "indented" to fit into an existing neighborhood  
"babe ruth hit a ton of homeruns there... lou gehreg hit his 500th homerun
- 24 there... it was a homerun park for sure"
  
- 25 "back then it was hero worship... the only way to see those guys was at the park"
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- 27 experimenting with night games
- 28 the ninety-minute game
- 29 [28:45 forward] demolition of league park
- 30 Municipal Stadium "became obsolete" for various reasons
- 31 will Jacobs Field last longer?
- 32 historical stadiums in other cities
- 33 proposed League Park project
- 34 1960s: cleveland almost lost its baseball team
- 35 "we had terrible teams and no revenue..."
- 36 "it was the Jacobs family that turned [the club] around [in the 90s]"
- 37 "cleveland has one of the best minor league organizations"
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- 39 naming the club: from Forest Cities to Spiders to Bluebirds to Naps to finally the Indians in 1915

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proposed League Park project and its historical significance: "there's a lot of social  
41 history involved"

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45 League Park, Municipal Stadium, Jacobs field

46 stadiums in other cities

47 historical baseball clubs "play by the rules [used] in 1866"

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49 the pitcher's era"

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