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Subject	jack ullman, Shaker Lakes Canoe Club
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Abstract minutes:	<p>Jack Ullman of the Shaker Lakes Canoe Club discusses the origins and history of the Club, which dates back to the early years of 20th century but which ceased to exist by the end of the 1970s. Ullman recalls his early experiences at Shaker Lakes, reminisces about boating on the Lakes, describes the wildlife and botanical variety of the nature preserve, puts the Lake in the context of Cleveland's outdoor recreational assets, and recounts the grassroots battle to stop encroaching highway development in the Shaker Heights-Cleveland Heights area.</p>

- 0 introduction and background
- 1 "my dad was one of the original shaker lakes members... around 1910"
- 2 Shaker Lakes Canoe Club: initially an all male membership
- 3 becomes a family club; description of "clubhouse"
- 4 crime becomes a problem in 1970s
- 5 fire safety and health department violations lead to closing of the club in 1970s
- 6 meetings continue but membership falls off; city destroys building
- 7 Shaker Lakes Nature Center: description; perceived competition with Canoe Club
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- 9 battle to stop Heights highway development
- 10 interested opposition groups, esp. Our Lady of Peace (E127th area church)
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- 12 Canoe Club publicity; opposition strategy: "backdoor politics"
- 13 Shaker Lakes: description of landscape and wildlife, including changes over time
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- 15 "my first experience with african-americans was at the lake"
- 16 amateur science experiments
- 17 city pays for shooting rats: "the place was teeming with them"; other pests
- 18 gardening
- 19 botanical variety
- 20 unsure legality of launching boats on Shaker Lakes
- 21 "it's a shame...it would have so much more value if there was more use of [the lake]"
- 22 city has "discouraged development"
- 23 suggestions for improving Shaker Lakes as a recreational destination
- 24 "it's another asset in cleveland that is underutilized"
- 25 Shaker Lakes Canoe Club: membership issues involving race, class, and religion
- 26 lost history of the Shaker Lakes Canoe Club
- 27 plans to reconstruct a history of Shaker Lakes Canoe Club
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- 31 Shaker Lakes Canoe Club event at Western Reserve Historical Society
- 32 informal high school reunions at Shaker Lakes
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closing comments, possible interview subjects, information about some large events at
34 Shaker Lakes
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