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PROGRESS THROUGH PRESERVATION OF GREATER AKRON

June Membership Meeting Saturday, June 24, 2017

Baseball Heritage Museum at League Park & Indians Game, Cleveland



Courtesy of Baseball Heritage Museum

Historic League Park, Cleveland



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The June PTP meeting will be a baseball-themed outing to Cleveland's historic League Park, followed by lunch and an optional trip to Progressive Field to see our beloved Indians. **This event is limited to PTP members and their guests.**

We will meet at the Baseball Heritage Museum on **Saturday, June 24** at noon for a presentation on the history of Cleveland baseball and a tour of the museum. There is no cost to tour the museum, but they do accept donations.

According to their website, League Park is "the oldest existing ball park." It hosted the 1920 World Series and Babe Ruth hit his 500th home run there on August 11, 1929. Home to the Cleveland Indians for more than 50 years, the park was built in 1891 and could seat 9,000 fans. It opened on May 1 with the legendary Cy Young pitching for Cleveland before a sold-out crowd.

Originally built mostly of wood, the park was rebuilt of steel and concrete in 1910, doubling the capacity to 18,000. In July 1932 the team began playing at the newly built Cleveland Municipal Stadium and played there full-time until 1934 when they returned to playing weekday and holiday games at the old League Park. Weekend games, those expecting a larger crowd, and night games were held at Cleveland Stadium.

The team left League Park for good after the 1946 season, primarily because the field never had lights installed. Most of the stadium was demolished in 1951, except for the 1909 ticket house and a portion of the grandstand wall on East 66th Street. In 2014 the City of Cleveland spent \$6.3 million to restore the old ticket house into the Baseball Heritage Museum and renovate the ballfield.

After our tour, we will head for lunch at the Brickstone Tavern, 2217 East 9th St. in Cleveland. Directions to the restaurant, which is near Progressive Field, will be provided the day of the event.

Group tickets to see the Indians play the Minnesota Twins are available with the game beginning at 4:10 p.m. Upper reserved seat tickets are available for \$23 (regularly \$32). The seats will be in the shade for most of the game. Directions for parking for the stadium will be provided the day of the event.

Directions to League Park: Take I-77 North until it becomes I-90 East. Exit at Chester Avenue and turn right onto Chester. Turn left on East 55th Street and then make a right onto Lexington Avenue. The destination is on your left, just past East 66th Street (6601 Lexington Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44103). From West Akron it is 34 miles and will take about 45 minutes, although road construction may cause delays. Parking is available on the street.

Reservations: All reservations for this meeting must be made through Alice Christie, PTP programs chair, at 330-864-8364 or achristie@malone.edu. **Participation is limited to members and their guests.**

There are two separate reservation dates for this event. Those wishing to attend the Indians game must get their reservations to Alice by **Saturday, May 20** in order for us to reserve your game tickets. Checks should be made out to Progress Through Preservation of Greater Akron and mailed directly to Alice Christie, 700 Merriman Road, Akron, OH 44303. Those planning to tour the museum must get their reservations to Alice by **Tuesday, June 20**. Indicate if you will be joining us at the restaurant.