

Whitewater Landmarks Commission
Thursday June 7, 2012 - 6 PM
City Manager's Conference Room
312 Whitewater Street, Whitewater, WI 53190

CALL TO ORDER

- I. Call to Order and roll call -Welcome Suzanne Haselow as newest commissioner
- II. Approval of agenda and possible rearrangement
- III. Approval of minutes of April 4, 2012 and special meeting, April 18, 2012
- IV. Set date and time of next meeting - Thursday, July 5, 2012 - 6:00 P.M.
- V. Election of chair, vice-chair and secretary
- VI. Hear Citizen Comments: No formal Landmarks Commission Action will be taken during this meeting although issues raised may become a part of a future agenda. Participants are allotted a three minute speaking period. Specific items listed on the agenda may not be discussed at this time; however citizens are invited to speak to those specific issues at the time the Commission discusses that particular item.

REPORTS

- VII. Report on meeting with City Manager and Neighborhood Services Director on April 23, 2012
- VIII. Report from the Friends of the Mounds - FOTEM (Helmick)
 - A. Burial Sites Board Preservation Meeting, June 8, 2012 - Madison
 - B. June 4, 2012 Parks and Rec Board meeting
 - C. Wisconsin Archeological Society Spring Meeting, May 5, 2012
 - D. Presentation on June 12 to Wisconsin Retired Educators Association
 - E. FOTEM Newsletters - April and May 2012
- IX. Update on James and Ella Rockefeller House (Christ)
- X. Update on restoration of Passenger Depot (Marshall)
- XI. Update on Walking Tour Brochure (Wendt)
- XII. Update on Birge Fountain (Loomer)
- XIII. Recap on Historical and Archeological Month (May 2012) Events
 - A. Mounds Tours May 5 & 26th (Helmick) - May 26 rescheduled to June 23
 - B. Whitewater Community Television (Christ)
 - C. Library Display (Loomer & Christ)
 - D. Reception at City Hall (May 3rd, 5 - 7 PM)
 - E. Proclamation and Annual Report on May 8, 2012, City Council Meeting
- XIV. Update on Local Landmarks/Main Street Historic District Brochures (Loomer, Marshall & Christ)
- XV. Update on Whitewater Effigy Mounds Preserve Preservation and Maintenance Plan
- XVI. Report on WI Assoc. of Historical Preservation Commissions (WAHPC) Saturday, April 28, 2012

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- XVII. Petition for rescission of landmark designation for Nelson Salisbury House - 404 W. North (Christ)
- XVIII. Status of City Council Process on Fence Encroachments at the Effigy Mounds Preserve (Christ)
- XIX. Status of FREE LIBRARY history panel for White Memorial Library
- XX. Status of Title 17 Amendment - Certificate of Approval for public/private property (COA) - (Christ)
- XXI. Implementing 17.08.040 of Title 17 re city-owned historically significant personal property.

NEW BUSINESS

- XXII. Neighborhood Services Director - Latisha Birkeland will be attending Landmarks Meetings
- XXIII. Set date for annual inhouse training and planning session
- XXIV. Updates to Landmarks Commission website - Local Landmarks and PowerPoint
- XXV. Certified Local Government Grants
- XXVI. Preserve America e-news

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- XXVII. Future designations of city-owned properties as local landmarks
- XXVIII. Plaques for Whitewater sites on the National Register of Historic Places

ADJOURNMENT

- XXIX. Call to Adjourn



Issue Number 5
April 2012

WHITEWATER EFFIGY MOUNDS PRESERVE

CELEBRATE WISCONSIN ARCHAEOLOGICAL PRESERVATION MONTH

May is Archaeological Preservation Month as well as Historic Preservation Month. On Tuesday, May 3, at 6:30 the city of Whitewater will be presenting proclamations for both of these months to the Landmarks Commission at the City Council meeting. Please join us in celebrating these months.

KURT SAMPSON TO SPEAK AT WEMP ON SATURDAY, MAY 12th at 10 AM

As part of *Archaeological Preservation Month*, the Landmarks Commission is sponsoring a talk by Kurt Sampson, president elect of the Wisconsin Archeological society, on the history of Whitewater's Effigy Mounds Preserve. Past archaeological research on the Preserve as well as other research on other mound sites in Jefferson County will be presented. The history and documentation of the Whitewater mounds site, a brief history of mounds exploration in Jefferson County, information about the Burial Sites Protection Act, mound site preservation, and continued efforts around the state to preserve mound sites will be discussed. Mr. Sampson's presentation will be accompanied by photographs and other exhibits to help the audience gain a better perspective on Whitewater's premier, archaeological site. An educational tour of the Preserve will be conducted immediately following Mr. Sampson's presentation.

NACAA IS GIVEN FIRST TOUR OF THE SEASON

On Saturday, April 28th, FOTEM members Mariann Scott, Robert Taylor and Denay Trykowski were honored to host students from the Native American Cultural Awareness Association at UW-Whitewater for a tour of the WEMP. Despite cold and damp weather, faculty advisor, Holly Denning and 5 students were given an in-depth tour of the site. It has been a few years since we have had a contact person for the group and a big thank you goes out to Denay for making the connection. After the tour, they headed up to Fort Atkinson to see the *Mystery of the Mounds* exhibit at the Hoard Museum.



GARLIC MUSTARD – FRIEND OR FOE? What do you know about our infamous invasive species? Each month you will be given a “test” of your knowledge of our most prolific plant at the WEMP.

Another name for Garlic Mustard is

a. Jack-in-the-bush d. poor man's mustard
b. sauce-alone e. all of the above
c. hedge garlic

Answer in the May newsletter



Issue Number 6
May 2012

WHITEWATER EFFIGY MOUNDS PRESERVE

FOTEM MEMBERS ATTEND WAS SPRING MEETING

On Saturday, May 5, Richard Helmick and Roberta Taylor attended the Spring meeting of the Wisconsin Archeological Society at the Horicon Marsh International Education Center just north of Mayville. Wisconsin State Archeologist, John Broihahn and Assistant State Archeologist, Amy Rosebrough led discussions with Wisconsin Archeological Society Site Preservation Committee members on the proper procedures in archeological site recording.



After the presentation, John and Amy joined Rob Nurre at the Propst Mound Site outside of Beaver Dam. While there, participants were trained in the correct methods of surveying and mapping mound sites. This training will hopefully assist the Wisconsin Historical Society in the more efficient cataloging of effigy mounds across the state. Kurt Sampson, president of the WAS, encouraged all in attendance to protect the state's remaining effigy mounds.

WISCONSIN ARCHEOLOGY MONTH EVENTS HELD AT WEMP

On Saturday, May 12, Kurt Sampson, gave a two hour presentation on the history of WEMP as well as other mounds throughout Wisconsin. Using maps, Mr. Sampson was able to show how various kinds of mound sites were developed in this area. He became interested in mounds when he was a boy and this led to his life-long quest to find out more by visiting over 600 mounds in several states. Many questions were answered regarding the reasons for building mounds, their locations, what is buried in them as well as state and federal laws regarding the protection of these sites.

Due to rain, the Saturday, May 26, talk by local professor of environmental geography at UW – Whitewater, Renae Prell-Mitchell, has been rescheduled for **June 23rd at 10 AM.** A cultural ecologist, she will be leading a walking tour focusing on the oak savanna, native plants, invasive species, reasons people chose this site for a gathering place and how they interacted with the natural species in this area.



Garlic mustard is a rapidly spreading woodland weed that is displacing native woodland wildflowers in Wisconsin. It dominates the forest floor and can displace most native herbaceous species within ten years.

When was garlic mustard first recorded in the United States?

- a. 1868 b. 1926 c. 1982 d. 2001

April Quiz answer - Another name for Garlic Mustard: d. All of the above - Jack-in the bush, sauce alone, sage garlic, poor man's mustard. Other names include hedge garlic, garlic root, garlicwort and mustard root.

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Annual Preservation Activities Report for 2012

The Kiernan Yasko House was designated as the nineteenth individually listed Local Landmark in September 2011. The Commission monitors the historic preservation of these sites as well as the Main Street Historic District.

The Commission encouraged preservation with educational activities that included:

- Presentations and tours of Effigy Mound Preserve in May
- Walking tour of Historic Churches co-sponsored with Whitewater Ministerial Association in May
- A Birge Fountain 'Maid of the Mist' Presentation in May
- Rededication of the White Memorial Building FREE Library
- Contributed to the creation of the informational panels in the 'Mystery of the Mounds' exhibit at Hoard Museum
- Hosted "Myths and Facts about the National Register of Historic Places" - by Daina Penkiunas of the Wisconsin Historical Society with a discussion of Historic Districts presentation.
- Two hour training of all commissioners to review Title 17.
- Wisconsin Historical Society Local History and Preservation Conference - Sept 2011

COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES

FEDERAL

The Commission completed the annual report to the **Department of the Interior**.

STATE

The **Wisconsin Historical Society** received an annual report that included all commission agendas and minutes, a list of preservation activities and explanation of commissioner training. The WHS is a resource for information and training for the Commission.

The Commission coordinated with the **Wisconsin Department of Transportation** on the North Street Bridge project, Rockefeller House Removal project and Whiton Street Intersection project.

A meeting with the **Wisconsin Burial Sites Preservation Board** was initiated to improve communication on burial site issues.

TRIBAL AGENCIES

Three Commissioners attended a meeting of the **Wisconsin Inter-tribal Repatriation Committee** to improve communication on the preservation of the Maples Mound Group.

LOCAL GROUPS

The Landmarks Commission has been pleased to work with many local groups on historic preservation activities such as:

- Whitewater Hist. Society - mounds museum exhibit
- Tourism Board – tours
- Irvin L. Young Library – FREE Library event
- Friends of the Effigy Mounds – educational tours & activities
- Downtown Whitewater – brochure
- Starin Park Neighborhood officers – informational
- Make a Difference Day – Effigy Mound Preserve Clean-up
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Birge Fountain Committee
- Whitewater Community Television

SPECIAL REPORT – Maples Mound Group, (WL-82), Whitewater, Wisconsin.

At the last Burial Board meeting two members of the public presented the Board and Society staff with a map of this mound group (Map 1). Society staff had not seen the map before the meeting. Since the meeting, staff has had a chance to review the map, check Society records, and visit the site again.

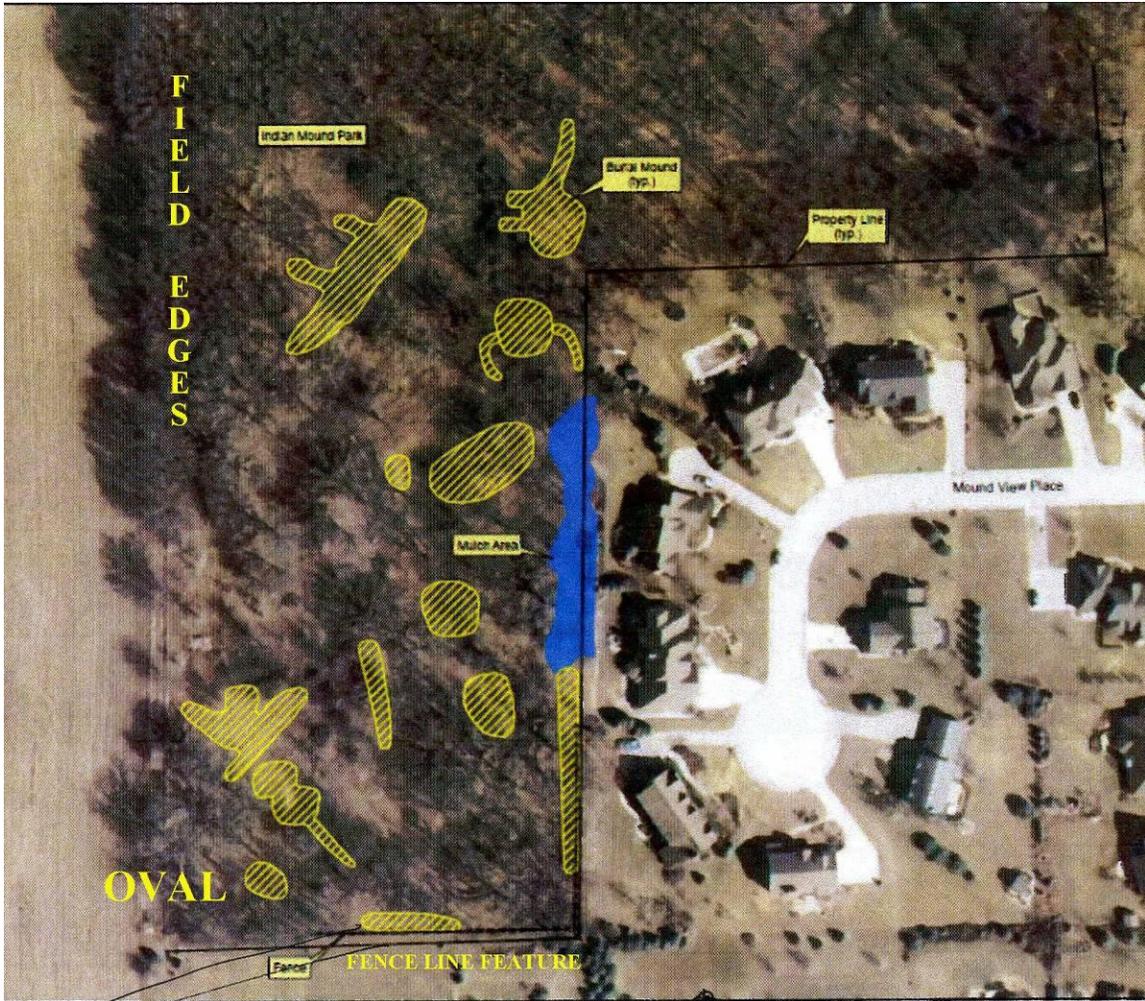
The Society was asked to flag the mounds in this preserve so that they could be mapped. Staff did flag the mounds and at that time someone with a hand-held GPS recorded the flag locations. The map (Map 1) however, does not accurately reflect the shape of the mounds as flagged and records two elevated features as mounds that were flagged as unusual raised features, but not identified as mounds by Wisconsin Historical Society staff. The oval-shaped elevated feature near the southwest corner of the parcel was noted on the original C. E. Brown map with a dotted line (Map 2). The oval feature and an irregular linear feature along the south fence line were also mapped with dashed lines during the 1989 survey (Map 3).

With the new map in hand (Map 1), staff revisited the mound group and carefully reexamined both the oval feature and the irregular feature along the south fence line. Neither appears to Society staff to be mounds nor the remnants of mounds. The south fence line feature actually extends all the way to the southeast corner of the lot and we believe it represents soil accumulated along an old fence line. The oval rise seems to Society staff to be a raised area that staff has frequently seen associated with large trees.

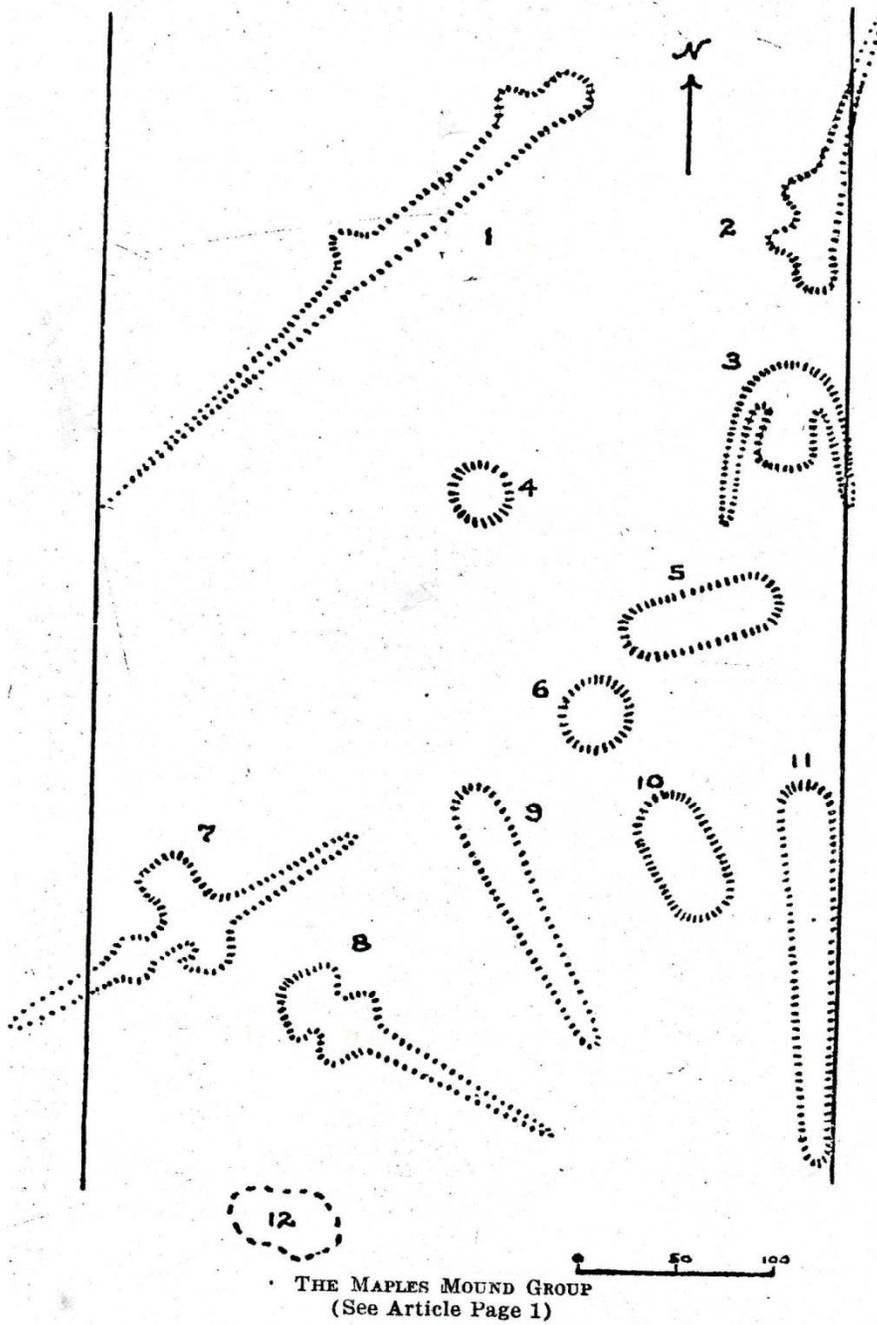
Staff also looked at the reported intaglio marked near the northeast corner of the parcel. In our opinion, the shallow, narrow, linear ditch and the broad diffuse elevated feature located east of the ditch represent the edge of an old field. The ditch represents the actual plow scar and the elevated feature is soil that accumulated along the old fence line. Other discontinuous field edges are visible south of this location.

On April 11, 2012, Society staff monitored the removal of the fence posts that ran down the eastern side of Mound #11 (Maps 2 and 3). The fence did not run down “the center of the mound” as stated at the last Burial Board meeting. The posts were easily wiggled free and pulled out with very little or no soil attached. The holes were generally 15.0-20.0 inches deep and 8.0 inches in diameter. The soil profiles exposed in four of the holes were closely examined. No evidence of a previous disturbance was noted. The holes were immediately backfilled with soil that came from the adjacent private property. No artifacts were observed in the examination of the postholes, or in the soil used to backfill the holes. The fence was moved east away from the mound and installed outside of the 5.0 foot buffer.

Prepared by John H. Broihahn



MAP 1. Yellow hatched areas represent mounds or elevated features and the solid blue represents a leaf disposal area.



Credit: Anonymous 1920b:22

MAP 2

Figure 2. 1989 Map of the Maples Mound Group.

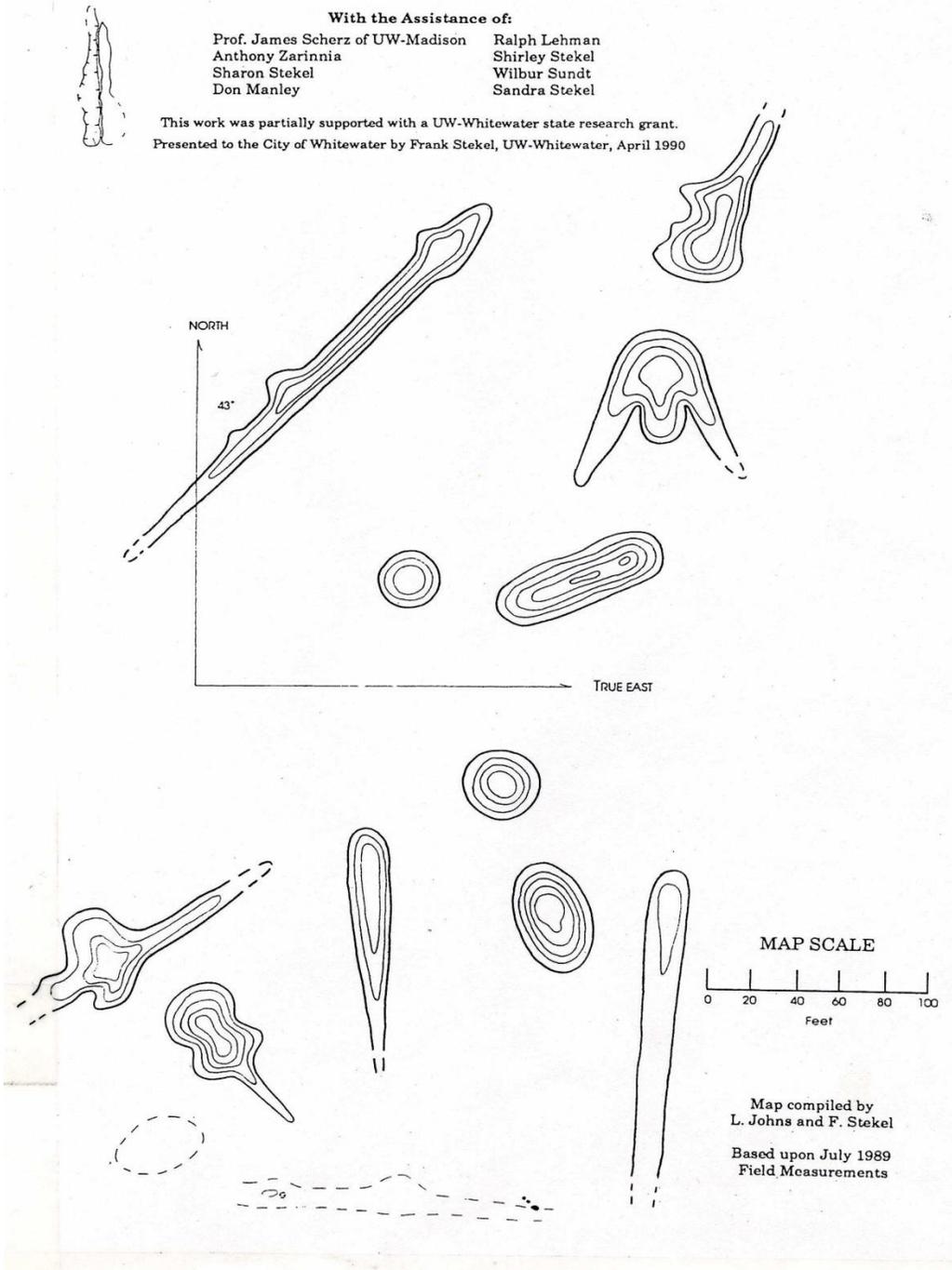
WHITEWATER EFFIGY MOUNDS PARK

Map Based upon Field Measurements July, 1989.
Prepared by Larry Johns and Frank Stekel

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Presented to the City of Whitewater by Frank Stekel, UW-Whitewater, April 1990



MAP 3