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Crystal Lake Gets Indian Mound Platt

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An acquisition which may prove of much value to Crystal Lake township was made recently when the deed to ninety acres of Betsie River frontage just to the south of the old Clyde Stewart place on M-116, turned over to Supervisor Floyd Avery from the Conservation Department for the technical consideration of \$1.00.

The plat of land covers 90 acres in Section 27 and contains five or more Indian mounds which have attracted much attention lately from students of ethnology and from others interested in Indian lore. The mounds are of the small type, said to contain a single grave where one or two persons were buried.

With a half mile fronting on the Betsie River, the land juts up to a high ridge from which one of the most beautiful views in the county can be obtained, overlooking Crystal Lake on the one side and the bay of the Betsie River on the other side.

While no plans have been made for the development of the site, there has been talk for some time of turning the area into a township park, since it is ideally suited for this purpose. The Indian mounds provide an unusual attraction and the view and general ruggedness of the place are further valuable assets. It is expected that the township board will give the matter definite consideration at their next meeting.