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North Canton talks Fieldcrest, Gold Star monument

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NORTH CANTON City council will consult with an outside expert on plans to change the zoning of Fieldcrest Estate.

Council has had ongoing discussions of a plan to create a new Fieldcrest Estate District that would encompass the myriad uses of the 50-acre estate on Easthill Street SE. At Monday's meeting, council briefly reviewed an expert's analysis of that plan.

Last month, the city hired consulting firm Calfee Zoning to review and analyze the proposed district. A consultant from the firm will present that analysis at next week's council meeting.

The city doesn't want this issue to fall through the cracks; "We want to keep it moving," said Director of Administrative Services Patrick DeOrio.

By bringing in the expert next week, Council can work on the issue over its winter break and return in January ready to move on, he said.

Council will not hold its regular Monday meetings Dec. 18, Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. They held back to back meetings Monday.

The city's Planning Commission approved the creation of the Fieldcrest Estate District earlier this year. Council has been discussing that plan since September.

Fieldcrest has been operating outside of city zoning code for years. The property, which once belonged to the Hoover family, hosts several events, has a bed and breakfast, operates a restaurant and shop and can be rented for weddings and other special occasions.

The property is in an area zoned R-7 (single-family residential) and surrounded by homes. It is near the border of Plain Township.

Calfee reviewed North Canton's Master Plan to determine how the proposed district would fit with the city's plans for the future, as well as zoning maps to understand its context with existing properties, DeOrio said, referencing the report.

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