



North Canton City Hall, 145 North Main Street, North Canton, Ohio 44720
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April 14, 2003

Mr. Jon Snyder
City Council President
City of North Canton
North Canton, OH 44720

Dear Mr. Snyder:

The City of North Canton's motivation to acquire the Arrowhead Country Club property has been driven by the desire of many in the city to preserve the property and keep it in its present condition as either a golf course or as open space for the community.

I feel that the proposal by the City of North Canton has interfered in the natural market forces that were already playing out in the bidding process for the purchase of the golf course and that the City of North Canton should not proceed with its offer to purchase the golf course.

I say this because in the letter that was faxed to the city today, it is clear that there is an interested bidder for the golf course property who would like to continue the operation of the golf course and maintain the property as it has existed for more than sixty years.

The City of North Canton should back away from the present path it appears that it has chosen and let market forces play out before deciding a further course of action.

The City of North Canton has two lines of defense. The city does have zoning in place which should guide everyone in the acceptable uses of the land. If the zoning is not effective, the city has a second line of defense and that is the power of eminent domain. This would provide the ultimate protection for the city from unwanted use of the property.

In the meantime, I would highly recommend that the City of North Canton allow concerned parties to play out their options before the city intervenes. I ask that city council table its vote on the purchase of Arrowhead Country Club.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chuck Osborne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "C" and "O".

Chuck Osborne
Councilman at-Large
City of North Canton

cc:
City Council
Director of Administration
Mayor