

RESOLUTION OF THE SALEM COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

2020- 1

Determination under the Right to Farm for John S. DiGregorio (operating as Game Creek Hunting Farms) for Right to Farm Protection

WHEREAS, John S. DiGregorio submitted a request for a Site-Specific Agricultural Management Practice (hereinafter "SSAMP") via letter dated June 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the request asked for a Site-Specific Agricultural Management Practice permitting farming of certain crops, raising of pheasants and hunting of pheasants, without specifying a specific practice as to any individual practice of the farm; and

WHEREAS, the applicant provided proof of publication and notice to adjacent property owners as required by the relevant statutes and administrative codes; and

WHEREAS, John S. DiGregorio provided a visual presentation regarding his farming and activities during the meeting on September 10, 2020.

WHEREAS the Townships of Pilesgrove and Mannington were notified of the SSAMP request by letter pursuant to the public notice sent on August 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS this SSAMP request was precipitated by the applicant being shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Executive Order 106 issued by Governor Murphy; and

WHEREAS, during the hearing the applicant modified his request to request confirmation that his farm is entitled to protections under the Right to Farm Act, which request was accepted by the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Salem County Agriculture Development Board makes the following findings:

1. The property in question include multiple lots in Pilesgrove and Mannington Townships, either owned or leased by DiGregorio and such property is preserved through the SADC preservation program.
2. John S. DiGregorio is the operator of the property;
3. The property meets the eligibility criteria for differential property taxation pursuant to the Farmland Assessment Act of 1964, P.L. 1964, c. 48 (N.J.S.A. 54:23.1 et seq);
4. The property is located in an area in which agriculture is a permitted use under the municipal zoning ordinance and is consistent with the municipal master plan;
5. The applicant testified that two of the three crops harvested are used for feed for the pheasants grown on site as well as rotated for agricultural purposes and presented testimony regarding his farming, raising pheasant and hunting activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon consideration of the information presented and the findings of fact, the Salem CADB determines that the applicant is entitled to protections under the Right to Farm Act based upon his farming activities on site.

SALEM COUNTY AGRICULTURE
DEVELOPMENT BOARD



DEAN SPARKS, CHAIRMAN

Dated: 10/28/2020