AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA PUBLIC HEARING

The Derry Township Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing, Monday, May 1, 2023 at 5:15 p.m., Township Office, 73 Reserve Lane, Lewistown, to review a proposal for addition to the Derry Township's Agricultural Security Area requested by Harry and Melissa Fultz, 75 Gentle Hills Ln., Lewistown.

Present:

Chairman

Ronald E. Napikoski, Jr.

Vice-Chairman

Donald R. Warntz, II

Supervisor Manager John T. Sipe Kelly Shutes

Solicitor

Timothy Searer, Esq.

Mr. Napikoski called the hearing to order at 5:15 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Fultz stated that the previous owner of their farm was also a farmer, and the land has been used for farming for many years. At the time of purchase, he requested that they preserve it as farmland for future generations. They see this as an opportunity to do so formally.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. & Mrs. Kyser were present to ask if the Fultz' were planning to construct a turkey or pig farm on their property. Mr. & Mrs. Fultz both assured the Kyser's that they had no plans to that effect now or in their future. Of course, the property is farmland and future owners would have those options.

No comments were received by any of the Ag Security Area landowners.

The Supervisors reviewed the proposal submitted by Harry G. D. Fultz and Melissa Fultz, 74 Gentle Hills Lane, Lewistown, Parcel # 16, 09-103--,000, to add their 133.42-acre farm to the Derry Township Agricultural Security Area.

The Derry Township Planning Commission and the Derry Township Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee reviewed the proposal at their respective meetings and recommended acceptance of the proposal. The Mifflin County Planning Commission made no comments.

Mr. Sipe moved to adopt Resolution 2023-8 to approve the Ag Security Area addition proposed by Mr. & Mrs. Fultz at the duly advertised public hearing and after consideration of the factors mentioned in Section 7 of the Agricultural Security Law. Mr. Warntz seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: R. Napikoski, aye, D. Warntz, aye and J. Sipe, aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Warntz moved to adjourn the hearing. Mr. Sipe seconded the motion. The hearing was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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