

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicant: David P. Geerts Trust

Address: 19058 Hoffmaster Drive
Spring Lake, MI 49450

File No: C/U O/S F&A Conservation Land App #10-2019

Request: To transfer 24.17 acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Farm and Agriculture Conservation.

Location: 60345 and 60401 State Route 20, within Sec 7. T35N, R11E. W.M. (See Staff Report for full description.)

Assessor's Nos: Portion of P45887 and portion of P45886.

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on February 26, 2020.

Recommendation: Approval

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FINDINGS

1. The David P. Geerts Trust seeks to transfer 24.17 acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation.

2. The property is located at 60345 and 60401 State Route 20, within Sec. 7, T35N, R11E, W.M. The property is a portion of Assessor's No. P45887 and a portion of Assessor's No. P45886.

3. The property is traditional farmland that does not now meet the income requirements for the Farm and Agriculture classification.

4. The property has previously been used for horse and cattle grazing and for nut trees. In the future nut trees will be expanded and land will be leased for pasture and hay production, hopefully returning to full farm and agriculture status. The land has not been irrevocably devoted to a use inconsistent with agriculture.

5. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony and there were no written comments.

6. The Examiner admitted the exhibits submitted by Staff.

7. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought.

8. The Staff recommends approval. The Examiner concurs with Staff.

RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application.



Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: March 9, 2020

Copies transmitted to Applicant, Assessor's Office and County Commissioners,
March 9, 2020.

Attachment: Staff Report and Exhibits