

FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Inga Sapalaite
DOCKET NO.: 11-03946.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 06-07-406-048

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Inga Sapalaite, the appellant, and the DuPage County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds <u>no change</u> in the assessment of the property as established by the **DuPage** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$36,920 **IMPR.:** \$59,760 **TOTAL:** \$96,680

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the DuPage County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2011 tax year. The Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of the appeal.

Findings of Fact

The subject property consists of a split-level single-family dwelling of frame and brick construction with 1,848 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1960. Features of the home include a partial basement, central air conditioning and a two-car garage. The property has an 8,100 square foot site and is located in Lombard, York Township, DuPage County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on three comparable sales.

Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a total assessment of \$73,333 which would reflect a market value of approximately \$212,000.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$96,680. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$291,644 or \$157.82 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2011 three year average median level of assessment for DuPage County of 33.15% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In rebuttal, the board of review reported that the appellant's selected comparable properties were located 1.5 to 2-miles from the subject property. Moreover, the board of review reported that there were no sales of split-level dwellings within the subject's assigned neighborhood code from 2009 to 2011 and thus, both parties have gone outside that neighborhood code for comparables.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on six comparable sales located in neighborhoods surrounding (but connecting to) the subject's assigned neighborhood code.

Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

Conclusion of Law

The appellant contends the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessed valuation. When market value is the basis of the appeal the value of the property must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of market value may consist of an appraisal of the subject property, a recent sale, comparable sales or construction costs. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(c). The Board finds the appellant did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The Property Tax Appeal Board has given reduced weight to board of review comparables #1, #3 and #6 as these homes were built in 1927, 1937 and 1989, respectively, as compared to the subject dwelling that was constructed in 1960.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparable sales along with board of review comparable sales #2, #4 and #5. These six most similar comparables sold between November 2008 and March 2011 for prices ranging from \$218,000 to \$331,000 or from \$105.72 to \$193.57 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$291,644 or \$157.82 per square foot of living area, including land, which is within the range established by the best six comparable sales in this record. Based on this evidence the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is not justified.

This is a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board which is subject to review in the Circuit Court or Appellate Court under the provisions of the Administrative Review Law (735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.) and section 16-195 of the Property Tax Code.

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CERTIFICATION

As Clerk of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board and the keeper of the Records thereof, I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and complete Final Administrative Decision of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board issued this date in the above entitled appeal, now of record in this said office.

> January 23, 2015 Date: Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code provides in part:

"If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel after the deadline for filing complaints with the Board of Review or after adjournment of the session of the Board of Review at which assessments for the subsequent year are being considered, the taxpayer may, within 30 days after the date of written notice of the Property Tax Appeal Board's decision, appeal the assessment for the subsequent year directly to the Property Tax Appeal Board."

In order to comply with the above provision, YOU MUST FILE A PETITION AND EVIDENCE WITH THE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE ENCLOSED DECISION IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR.

Based upon the issuance of a lowered assessment by the Property Tax Appeal Board, the refund of paid property taxes is the responsibility of your County Treasurer. Please contact that office with any questions you may have regarding the refund of paid property taxes.