

# FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Gary & Linda Churchill

DOCKET NO.: 11-05087.001-R-1 PARCEL NO.: 13-25-201-006

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Gary & Linda Churchill, the appellants; and the Lake 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 **Lake** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:** \$79,944 **IMPR.:** \$256,267 **TOTAL:** \$336,211

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

### Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellants timely filed the appeal from a decision of the lake 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 two-story dwelling of brick exterior construction with 6,725 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1998. Features of the home include a basement that has 2,778 square feet of finished area,

central air conditioning, three fireplaces and a 985 square foot attached garage. The property has a 77,537 square foot site and is located in Barrington, Cuba Township, Lake County.

The appellants contend overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellants submitted information on four comparable sales.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$336,211. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$1,037,048 or \$154.21 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2011 three year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 32.42% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

As to the appellants' evidence, the board of review argued that the appellants' comparable #1 was a foreclosure sale and the remaining three comparables are located in a development approximately 2.5 to 3.5 miles from the subject.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on three comparable sales.

## Conclusion of Law

The appellants contend 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 appellants did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellants' comparable sales #2, #4 and the board of review comparable sales. These comparables were most similar to the subject in dwelling size and features. These most similar comparables sold for prices ranging from \$142.55 to \$207.96 per square foot of living area, including land. The Board gave less weight to the appellants' comparable #1 due to its significantly larger dwelling size, when compared to the subject. The Board also gave less weight to the appellants' comparable #3 due to its lack of finished basement area, when compared to the

subject. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$154.21 per square foot of living area, including land, which is within the range established by the best 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.

> February 20, 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  $\frac{\text{PETITION}}{\text{AND}}$  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.