



**FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION
ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD**

APPELLANT: Caralee Levinson
DOCKET NO.: 13-01215.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-13-303-019

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Caralee Levinson, the appellant, by attorney Abby L. Strauss of Schiller Klein, PC, in Chicago; and the Lake County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds no change 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: \$ 50,543
IMPR.: \$ 184,919
TOTAL: \$ 235,462

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant 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 2013 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 brick dwelling that contains 3,853 square feet of living area. The dwelling was built in 1990. Features include a finished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 787 square foot garage. The

subject property has a 20,251 square foot site. The subject property is located in Vernon Township, Lake County, Illinois.

The appellant submitted evidence before the Property Tax Appeal Board claiming overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on three comparable sales. The comparables are located from .34 to .86 of a mile from the subject, but comparable #1 is not located in the subject's neighborhood code as defined by the local assessor. The comparables had varying degrees of similarity when compared to the subject in land area, design, age, size, and features. They sold from April 2012 to April 2013 for prices ranging from \$475,000 to \$650,000 or from \$109.55 to \$163.93 per square foot of living area including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject property's final assessment of \$235,462 was disclosed. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$708,369 or \$183.85 per square foot of living area including land when applying Lake County's 2013 three-year average median level of assessment of 33.24%. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.50(c)(1).

In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review submitted eight comparable sales located in close proximity to the subject. Two comparables were located along the subject's street. The comparables had varying degrees of similarity when compared to the subject in land area, design, age, size, and features. They sold from June 2012 to December 2013 for prices ranging from \$615,000 to \$880,000 or from \$185.74 to \$243.33 per square foot of living area including land. 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.

The parties submitted 11 suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to appellant's comparables #1 and #2. Comparable #1 is located in a different neighborhood than the subject and comparable #2 is a smaller dwelling than the subject. The Board also gave less weight to comparables #3, #5, #6, #7 and #8 submitted by the board of review. Comparable #3 has a considerably larger site than the subject and comparables #5 through #8 are considerably smaller in dwelling size when compared to the subject. The Board finds the remaining four comparables are most similar when compared to the subject in location, land area, design, age, size and most features. They sold from June 2012 to April 2013 for prices ranging from \$650,000 to \$800,000 or from \$163.93 to \$207.73 per square foot of living area including land. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$708,369 or \$183.85 per square foot of living area including land, which falls within the range established by the most similar comparable sales contained in this record. Based on the preponderance of the most credible market value evidence contained in this record, the Board finds no reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

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.

Chairman



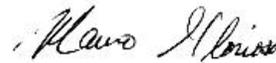
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DISSENTING: _____

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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.

Date: November 20, 2015



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.