



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

APPELLANT: Inverclyde, LLC  
DOCKET NO.: 15-00304.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 05-06-06-203-057-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Inverclyde, LLC, the appellant, by attorney Abby L. Strauss, of Schiller Strauss & Lavin PC in Chicago; and the Will County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented in this matter, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds **No Change** in the assessment of the property as established by the **Will County Board of Review** is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:** \$13,823  
**IMPR.:** \$50,800  
**TOTAL:** \$64,623

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Will County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2015 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 is improved with a two-story dwelling of frame exterior construction with 2,460 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2006. Features of the home include a basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 462 square foot garage. The property has a 9,189 square foot site and is located in Joliet, Troy Township, Will County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. The appellant disclosed the subject sold May 18, 2014 for a price of \$175,000 and had been advertised for sale as set forth in Section IV-Recent Sale Data of the appeal petition. To document the sale, the appellant submitted a copy of the Settlement Statement revealing the amount of Broker's Fees paid at settlement, the Real Estate Contract and the PTAX-203, Illinois Real Estate Transfer Declaration. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the total assessment be reduced to \$58,333.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$64,623. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$194,355 or \$79.01 per square foot of living area, when applying Will County's 2015 three-year average median level of assessment of 33.25% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.50(c)(1).

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four sales comparables that were constructed from 2004 to 2007. The comparables had varying degrees of similarity when compared to the subject. The dwellings contain 2,176 or 2,460 square feet of living area. The comparables sold from December 2013 to June 2015 for prices ranging from \$209,000 to \$220,000 or from \$86.18 to \$99.49 per square foot of living area, including land. The board of review's submission also included the PTAX-203, Illinois Real Estate Transfer Declaration for each sales comparables. 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 parties submitted the subject's sale and four suggested sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's sale. The Board finds that the appellant failed to disclose the manner on how the subject was advertised and the length of time on the market. The Board also gave less weight to the board of review's comparable #4 due to its 2013 sale date, not proximate in time for the assessment date of January 1, 2015. The Board finds the best evidence of market value in the record to be the board of review's comparables #1, #2 and #3. These properties sold August 2014 or June 2015 for prices ranging from \$209,000 to \$220,000 or from \$86.14 to \$96.05 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$194,355 or \$79.01 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls below the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. Based on this evidence the Board finds the subject's assessment is reflective of the property's market value and a reduction in the 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.



Chairman



Member

Acting Member



Member

Acting Member

DISSENTING: \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

Date: June 23, 2017



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.