



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

APPELLANT: Bogdan Grotowski
DOCKET NO.: 15-01380.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 03-03-130-039

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Bogdan Grotowski, the appellant, by Jessica Hill-Magiera, Attorney at Law, in Lake Zurich; and the Kane County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented in this matter, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds A Reduction in the assessment of the property as established by the **Kane** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$7,173
IMPR.: \$16,158
TOTAL: \$23,331

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Kane 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 consists of a 1½-story dwelling of frame construction on a crawl-space foundation. The dwelling was constructed in 1956 and contains 1,080 square feet of living area. The home features a 720 square foot garage. The property has a 15,246 square foot site and is located in Algonquin, Dundee Township, Kane County.

The appellant's appeal is based on overvaluation. In support of this argument the appellant completed Section IV - Recent Sale Data of the appeal and submitted a Settlement Statement and a PTAX-203 Illinois Real Estate Transfer Declaration disclosing the subject property was purchased on January 24, 2014 for a price of \$70,000 or \$64.81 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject was purchased from Kondaur Capital Corp., commissions were paid to two realtors and the sale was not between family or related corporations. The appellant disclosed that the property was advertised through the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) and

submitted an MLS Listing Sheet indicating the subject had been on the market 64 days, was an REO property, and was described as a “handy man special” and “needs some work”. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to reflect the purchase price.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$33,892. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$101,747 or \$94.21 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2015 three-year average median level of assessment for Kane County of 33.31% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on three comparable sales. They are described as 1 or 1½-story dwellings of frame construction built between 1947 and 1954. They range in size from 880 to 960 square feet of living area and have garages. One has a basement. These comparables sold between June 2013 and December 2014 for prices ranging from \$80,000 to \$135,870 or from \$90.91 to \$141.53 per square foot of living area land included. One was a sale between “related/relatives” as set forth in the grid.

In rebuttal, the appellant’s counsel claims the board of review does not dispute the recent sale of the subject, nor does it provide any evidence that the recent sale was not valid.

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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The appellant provided evidence that the subject property sold on January 24, 2014 for a price of \$70,000 or \$64.81 per square foot of living area, including land. The Board finds the appellant provided evidence demonstrating the sale had elements of an arm's length transaction. The appellant completed Section IV - Recent Sale Data of the appeal and submitted a Settlement Statement, a PTAX-203 Illinois Real Estate Transfer Declaration, and an MLS Listing Sheet disclosing that the property was purchased from the Kondaur Capital Corp., the parties to the transaction were not related, the property was sold using a realtor, the property had been advertised on the open market through MLS and had been on the market 64 days. The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the purchase of the subject property in January 2014 for a price of \$70,000. The Board finds the purchase price is below the market value reflected by the assessment and the board of review did not present any substantive evidence to challenge the arm's length nature of the transaction or to refute the contention that the purchase price was reflective of market value particularly given its condition at the time of the sale. The Board gave less weight to the board of review comparable sales which were smaller and/or differed in style and/or foundation as compared to the subject. These sales do not overcome the subject’s arm’s-length sale price. Therefore, a reduction in the subject’s assessment to reflect the purchase price is appropriate.

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.