



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

APPELLANT: Paul Nutlis
DOCKET NO.: 15-02296.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-23-205-021

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Paul Nutlis, the appellant, by attorney Brian S. Maher, of Weis, DuBrock, Doody & Maher in Chicago; and the Lake 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 **Lake** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$66,319
IMPR.: \$95,623
TOTAL: \$161,942

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 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 two-story dwelling of brick construction with 2,834 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1967. Features of the home include a concrete slab foundation, central air conditioning, a fireplace and an attached 484 square foot garage. The property has a 21,344 square foot site and is located in Lincolnshire, Vernon Township, Lake County.

The appellant's appeal is based on overvaluation. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted evidence disclosing the subject property was purchased on June 21, 2013 for a price of \$415,000. 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 \$161,942. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$488,071 or \$172.22 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2015 three-year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.18% 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 located in the same neighborhood as the subject. The comparables have from 20,038 to 21,780 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of brick construction. The dwellings were constructed from 1969 to 1977. The comparables had varying degrees of similarity when compared to the subject. The comparables ranged in size from 2,480 to 2,719 square feet of living area. The comparables sold in February or August 2014 for prices that ranged from \$535,000 to \$612,500 or from \$206.24 to \$225.27 per square foot of living area, land included. 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 Board gave little weight to the subject's June 2013 sale due to the fact the sale occurred over 1½ years before the January 1, 2015 assessment date. The Board finds the best evidence of market value in the record to be the three comparable sales submitted by the board of review. These comparables were similar to the subject in location, land area, design, exterior construction, age, living area and features like central air conditioning, fireplaces, and garages. These properties also sold proximate in time to the assessment date at issue. The comparables sold from February to August 2014 for prices that ranged from \$535,000 to \$612,500 or from \$206.24 to \$225.27 per square foot of living area, land included. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$488,071 or \$172.22 per square foot of living area, including land, which is below the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. The Board finds the board of review comparables had partial basements, while the subject had a concrete slab foundation. The superior attribute of a basement helps to explain why these comparables had higher market values than the subject.

Based on this record, the Board finds the subject's assessment is reflective of market value and 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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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: July 21, 2017

A. Portel

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.