



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

APPELLANT: David Suchy
DOCKET NO.: 15-02665.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 05-03-301-013

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are David Suchy, the appellant, by attorney Ronald Kingsley, of Lake County Real Estate Tax Appeal, LLC in Lake Forest; 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: \$30,488
IMPR.: \$57,109
TOTAL: \$87,597

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 2-story dwelling of frame construction with 1,380 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1999. Features of the dwelling include a partially finished basement and central air conditioning. The property has a 9,788 square foot site and is located in Fox Lake, Grant Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on six comparable sales. These comparables are described as 1, 1½ or 2-story dwellings of brick or frame construction. No design information was provided for comparable #5. They were built between 1938 and 2007 and range in size from 1,408 to 2,321 square feet of living area. Three feature unfinished basements, five have central air conditioning, four have fireplaces and five comparables have garages. They are located a distance of .17 to 2.68 miles from the subject. These comparables sold between April 2014 and March 2015 for

prices ranging from \$52,500 to \$450,000 or from \$37.29 to \$227.77 per square foot of living area land included. The appellant requested the total assessment be reduced to \$80,492 or a market value of approximately \$241,500 or \$175.00 per square foot of living area including land at the statutory level of assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$87,597. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$264,005 or \$191.31 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. They are described as 2 or 2½-story dwellings of frame construction built between 1908 and 1948. They range in size from 864 to 1,694 square feet of living area. They feature partially finished basements, two have central air conditioning and one has a fireplace. They are located a distance of .05 to .28 of a mile from the subject. These comparables sold between November 2012 and July 2013 for prices ranging from \$155,000 to \$280,000 or from \$91.50 to \$183.49 per square foot of living area land included.

Based on this evidence and argument, 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 finds none of the comparables submitted by either party closely matched the subject due to differences in location, age, size, style and/or features. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparables based on distance from the subject, dissimilar style, larger dwelling size and/or lack of a basement as compared to the subject's partially finished basement. The Board also gave less weight to the board of review comparables #2 and #3 based on the age of the dwellings. The Board finds the best evidence of market value in the record to be board of review comparable #1. Although this dwelling was older than the subject, it was otherwise similar to the subject in location, site size, style, exterior construction, dwelling size and most features. This comparable sold for \$280,000 or for \$183.49 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$264,005 or \$191.31 per square foot of living area, including land, which is lower than the most similar comparable on a total market value basis and slightly higher than the comparable on a per square foot basis. This higher value is justified given the subject is fifty years newer than the comparable. Based on this evidence the Board finds no reduction in the subject's assessment based on overvaluation is 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



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: August 18, 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.