



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

APPELLANT: Yijie Li
DOCKET NO.: 15-04315.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-09-102-039

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Yijie Li, the appellant, by attorney Laura Godek, of Laura Moore Godek, PC in McHenry; 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: \$26,392
IMPR.: \$94,178
TOTAL: \$120,570

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 frame construction with 2,347 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1977. Features of the home include an 1,143 square foot basement, which has 857 square foot of finished area, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 462 square foot garage. The property has a 8,094 square foot site and is located in Vernon Hills, Vernon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on five comparable sales that were located from .13 to .75 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables were similar "Dorchester" style homes, however, all but one lacked a basement foundation like the subject. The comparables had sale dates ranging from June 2014 to July 2015 for prices ranging from \$280,000 to \$348,000 or from \$119.30 to \$148.27 per square foot of living area including land.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$120,570. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$363,382 or \$154.83 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 six comparable sales that were located from .32 to .92 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables had varying degrees of similarity to the subject. The comparables had sale dates ranging from July 2014 to June 2015 for prices ranging from \$340,000 to \$407,000 or from \$144.87 to \$173.78 per square foot of living area including land.

The appellant submitted rebuttal critiquing the board of review's evidence and arguing that the appellant's comparables were the same style dwellings as the subject. In addition, the appellant's and the board of review's comparables were superior to the subject.

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 the best evidence of market value to be the board of review's comparable sales #1 through #5. These comparables were most similar to the subject in location, style, foundation type, age and features. These comparables also sold proximate in time to the January 1, 2015 assessment date at issue. These most similar comparables sold from July 2014 to June 2015 for prices ranging from \$348,000 to \$407,000 or from \$147.64 to \$173.78 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$363,382 or \$154.83 per square foot of living area, including land, which is within the range of the best comparable sales in this record. The Board gave less weight to the parties' remaining comparables due to their lack of a basement foundation and/or their lack of finished basement area, unlike the subject. Based on this evidence the Board finds 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. Pursuant to Section 1910.50(b) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.50(b)) the proceeding before the Property Tax Appeal Board is terminated when the decision is rendered. The Property Tax Appeal Board does not require any motion or request for reconsideration.



Chairman



Member



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: March 20, 2018



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 or years of the same general assessment period, as provided in Sections 9-125 through 9-225, 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 such subsequent year or years 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 OR YEARS. A separate petition and evidence must be filed for each of the remaining years of the general assessment period.

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.

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