

# FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Thomas & Kelly Fullerton

DOCKET NO.: 15-05791.001-R-1 PARCEL NO.: 06-13-128-004

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Thomas & Kelly Fullerton, the appellants; and the DuPage 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 **DuPage** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:** \$64,970 **IMPR.:** \$44,110 **TOTAL:** \$109,080

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

### **Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellants timely filed the appeal from a decision of the DuPage 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 one-story dwelling of brick exterior construction with 1,370 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1963. Features of the home include a full basement that is 60% finished, central air conditioning and a two-car garage. The property has a 8,669 square foot site and is located in Elmhurst, York Township, DuPage County.

The appellants contend overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellants submitted an appraisal estimating the subject property had a market value of \$275,000 as of January 1, 2015.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$109,080. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$327,568 or \$239.10 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2015 three

year average median level of assessment for DuPage County of 33.30% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales.

# **Conclusion of Law**

The appellants contend 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 appellants 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 appellants' appraisal #2, as well as the board of review's comparables #1, #2 and #4. These comparables had varying degrees of similarity to the subject and also sold more proximate in time to the January 1, 2015 assessment date, than did the parties' remaining comparables. The best comparable sales occurred from May 2014 to June 2015 for prices ranging from \$270,000 to \$370,000 or from \$194.38 to \$287.59 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$327,568 or \$239.10 per square foot of living area, including land, which is within the range established by the best comparable sales in the record. The Board gave less weight to the value conclusion from the appellants' appraisal due to the appraiser's selection of three sales that occurred from July 2012 to July 2013. These sales would be less indicative of the subject's market value as of the January 1, 2015 assessment date at issue. Likewise, the Board gave less weight to the board of review's comparable #3 due to its May 2013 sale date, which would also be less indicative of the subject's market value as of the January 1, 2015 assessment date. 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.

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| DISSENTING:CERTIFICA |               |

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: | November 21, 2017                      |  |
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#### **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 <u>PETITION AND EVIDENCE</u> 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.

# PARTIES OF RECORD

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