



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

APPELLANT: Jon & Jennifer Groh
DOCKET NO.: 16-02523.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 06-18-405-026

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jon & Jennifer Groh, the appellants; 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: \$5,114
IMPR.: \$19,250
TOTAL: \$24,364

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellants 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 2016 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 wood siding exterior construction with 960 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1986. Features of the home include a crawl space foundation and central air conditioning. The property has a 4,672 square foot site and is located in Round Lake Beach, Avon Township, Lake County.

The appellants contend overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellants submitted information on three comparable sales located in the same neighborhood number and between .85 of a mile and 2.22 miles from the subject property. The comparables were described as one-story dwellings of vinyl siding exterior construction that were built in either 1983 or 1986. The dwellings contain 936 or 960 square feet of living area. None of the comparables have basements. Two comparables have central air conditioning. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 4,792 to 6,970 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from July 2015 to December 2016 for prices ranging from \$47,000 to \$57,500 or from \$48.96 to

\$61.43 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellants requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$24,364. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$73,474 or \$76.54 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2016 three-year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.16% 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 located in the same neighborhood number and within .50 of a mile of the subject property. The comparables were described as one-story dwellings of wood or vinyl siding exterior construction built from 1978 to 1986. The dwellings range in size from 912 to 1,056 square feet of living area. One comparable has a finished basement and three comparables have crawl space foundations. In addition, three comparables have central air conditioning and one comparable has a 624 square foot garage. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 4,409 to 5,140 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from April 2014 to February 2016 for prices ranging from \$67,000 to \$94,500 or from \$73.46 to \$96.15 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

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 no reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The parties submitted seven suggested comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to the appellants' comparable #2 that is less proximate in location to the subject. The board also gave less weight to board of review comparable #2 that sold in 2014 which is dated and less likely to be indicative of the subject's market value as of the January 1, 2016 assessment date. Moreover, board of review comparable #2 has a superior finished basement and a garage unlike the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellants' comparables #1 and #3, along with board of review comparables #1, #3 and #4. These five comparables are similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, design, age and features. These comparables sold from October 2015 to December 2016 for prices ranging from \$47,000 to \$94,500 or from \$48.96 to \$96.15 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$73,474 or \$76.54 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. After considering adjustments to the comparable sales for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds no reduction in the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment 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. Pursuant to Section 1910.50(d) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.50(d)) 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

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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: November 19, 2019



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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