



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

APPELLANT: Ami Becker
DOCKET NO.: 16-03539.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 02-26-101-033

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Ami Becker, 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: \$21,870
IMPR.: \$67,013
TOTAL: \$88,883

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 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 two-story dwelling of frame exterior construction with 2,616 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2003. Features of the home include a full basement with finished area, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 630 square foot garage. The property has a 12,632 square foot site and is located within Lindenhurst, Lake Villa Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on three comparable sales located within .16 of a mile of the subject property. The comparables are described as a two-story dwelling and two, part one-story and part two-story dwellings of frame exterior construction with 2,504 or 2,992 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed in 2002 or 2003. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a garage with 420 or 440 square

feet of building area. The comparables each have a site with 12,197 square feet of land area. The comparables sold in April 2013 or February 2015 for prices ranging from \$232,500 to \$267,500 or from \$77.71 to \$95.85 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's total assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$88,883. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$268,043 or \$102.46 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 response to the appellant's evidence, the board of review argued appellant's comparables #2 and #3 have dated sales that occurred in 2013.

In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales, one of which was submitted by the appellant. The board of review's comparable #1 is the same property as appellant's comparable #1. The four comparable sales are located within .207 of a mile of the subject property. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of frame exterior construction ranging in size from 2,504 to 3,465 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed in 2002 or 2003. Each comparable has a basement, with three having finished area. Additional features of each comparable include central air conditioning, a fireplace and a garage with either 420 or 620 square feet of building area. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 12,197 to 15,682 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from February to June 2015 for prices ranging from \$240,000 to \$388,000 or from \$95.85 to \$117.93 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested that the subject property's assessment be confirmed.

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 parties submitted six comparable sales for consideration that included one common comparable. The Board gave less weight to appellant's comparables #2 and #3 that sold in 2013 which were less proximate in time to the subject's January 1, 2016 assessment date.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the parties common comparable, along with the remaining board of review comparables. These four comparables sold most proximate in time to the subject's January 1, 2016 assessment date. The Board recognizes that three comparables have considerably larger dwelling sizes than the subject and one comparable has an inferior unfinished basement and smaller garage when compared to the subject. These four properties sold from February to June 2015 for prices ranging from \$240,000 to \$388,000 or from \$95.85 to \$117.93 per square foot living area, including land. The subject's assessment

reflects an estimated market value of \$268,043 or \$102.46 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the best comparable sales contained in the record. After considering necessary adjustments to the comparables for differences such as dwelling size, basement finish and garage size when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is supported.

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

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: September 17, 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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