



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

APPELLANT: Mark Mynatt
DOCKET NO.: 16-03880.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 06-26-110-032

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Mark Mynatt, 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: \$15,098
IMPR.: \$40,632
TOTAL: \$55,730

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 one-story dwelling of vinyl sided exterior construction with 1,131 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1973 with an effective age of 1982. Features of the home include a full finished basement, central air conditioning and a 616 square foot garage. The property has an 8,712 square foot site and is located in Avon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on three comparables located from .06 of a mile to 1.43 miles from the subject. The comparables are described as one-story dwellings of vinyl siding or brick exterior construction ranging in size from 1,036 to 1,249 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 1959 to 1994 with effective ages ranging from 1980 to 1994. Features of each comparable include a full basement with finished area, central air conditioning

and a garage ranging in size from 308 to 432 square feet of building area. Two comparables have one or two fireplaces each. The comparables are situated on sites with either 7,200 or 8,712 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from July 2014 to October 2015 for prices ranging from \$135,000 to \$158,000 or from \$126.50 to \$130.47 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 \$55,730. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$168,064 or \$148.60 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 the subject's assessment, the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales located from .029 to .839 of a mile from the subject. The comparables are described as one-story dwellings of vinyl siding exterior construction ranging in size from 1,036 to 1,296 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 1964 to 1973. Two comparables have full basements with finished area and two comparables have crawl space foundations. Features of each comparable include central air conditioning and a garage containing from 308 to 576 square feet of building area. Three comparables have one fireplace each. The comparables are situated on sites with either 8,712 to 9,148 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from April 2014 to August 2017 for prices ranging from \$135,000 to \$170,000 or from \$120.19 to \$134.34 per square foot of living area, including land. Board of review comparable #2 was also submitted by the appellant. 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 which includes the parties common comparable. Less weight was given to the appellant's comparable #1 along with board of review comparables #1 and #3 based on their sales dates in April 2014 and August 2017 that were less proximate in time to the January 1, 2016 assessment date. The Board also gave less weight to appellant's comparable #3 that is considerably newer in age than the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value for the subject property to be the parties' common comparable along with the board of review comparable #4. Both comparables are similar to the subject in size, design, age and features. The parties' common comparable needs upward adjustments for having less basement finished area and a smaller garage when compared to the subject. Board of review comparable #4 requires upward adjustments for having less baths and a smaller garage than the subject. The comparables sold in December 2014 and May 2016

for prices of \$135,000 and \$169,000 or \$130.31 and \$134.34 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$168,064 or \$148.60 per square foot of living area, including land, which is supported on overall price by the most similar comparable sales in the record but falls above on a per square foot basis which is justified considering the necessary adjustments to the comparables for the subject's superior features. Therefore, the Board finds the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is supported and 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(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: December 23, 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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