



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

APPELLANT: Ruth Moschel
DOCKET NO.: 16-04051.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-16-313-010

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Ruth Moschel, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld, of Robert H. Rosenfeld and Associates, LLC in Chicago; 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: \$45,952
IMPR.: \$122,784
TOTAL: \$168,736

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 2,978 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1990. Features of the home include a partial unfinished basement, central air conditioning and a 441 square foot attached garage. The property has a 15,646 square foot site and is located in Buffalo Grove, Vernon 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 .64 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are described as 2-story dwellings of frame exterior construction ranging in size from 2,891 to 2,999 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 1988 to 1992. The comparables each have a basement, two of which have finished area. Each of the comparables has central air conditioning and two of the comparables

have a fireplace. The comparables have a garage with 441 square feet of building area. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 10,119 to 11,347 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from November 2015 to April 2016 for prices ranging from \$465,000 to \$470,000 or from \$156.05 to \$162.57 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellants 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 \$168,736. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$508,854 or \$170.87 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 within .155 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of frame exterior construction ranging in size from 2,963 to 3,017 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed in 1991. The comparables have basements, three of which have finished areas. Each of the comparables has central air conditioning, three comparables have a fireplace and each of the comparables has a garage with 441 or 693 square feet of building area. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 15,010 to 17,387 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from June 2015 to July 2016 for prices ranging from \$535,000 to \$564,000 or from \$178.57 to \$190.35 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.

The appellant submitted rebuttal critiquing the board of review's submission noting differences in bathrooms, finished basements and fireplaces.

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 seven suggested sale comparables for consideration, all of which are similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, design, age and most features. The comparables sold from June 2015 to July 2016 for prices ranging from \$465,000 to \$564,000 or from \$156.05 to \$190.35 per square foot living area including land. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$508,854 or \$170.87 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the most similar comparable sales contained in the record. After considering adjustments to the comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is supported and no reduction is warranted.

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: March 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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