

## FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT:	Len Anderson
DOCKET NO.:	17-00523.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.:	01-28-401-138

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Len Anderson, the appellant, by attorney Gregory Riggs, of Tax Appeals Lake County in Lake Zurich; and the Lake County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented in this matter, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds *<u>a reduction</u>* 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:	\$3,544
IMPR.:	\$39,118
TOTAL:	\$42,662

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 2017 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 frame construction with 1,592 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1978. Features of the home include central air conditioning and a 273 square foot garage. The property is located in Fox Lake, Antioch 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 that were located from .03 to .30 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables were one-story dwellings of frame construction containing from 1,381 to 1,592 square feet of living area. The homes were built in 1972 or 1978. The comparables had other features with varying degrees of similarity to the subject. The comparables sold in March 2016 or October 2016 for prices ranging from \$100,000 to \$114,000 or from \$71.61 to \$76.49 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence

the appellant requested that the subject's assessment be reduced to \$37,996 or a market value of approximately \$113,999.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$49,828. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$150,311 or \$94.42 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2017 three-year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.15% 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 that were located from .04 to .31 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables were one-story dwellings of frame construction containing from 1,381 to 1,592 square feet of living area. The homes were built in 1972 or 1978. The comparables had other features with varying degrees of similarity to the subject. The comparables sold from September 2015 to October 2017 for prices ranging from \$123,750 to \$170,000 or from \$89.20 to \$120.40 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence the board of review requested that the subject'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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The parties submitted a total of seven comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to the board of review's comparables #2 and #4 due to their sale dates occurring greater than 12 months prior to the January 1, 2017 assessment date at issue. The Board finds the parties' remaining comparables were similar to the subject in location, style, foundation type, age and features. These comparables also sold proximate in time to the January 1, 2017 assessment date at issue and received some weight by the Board. However, the Board finds the appellant's comparable #1 and the board of review's comparable #3 were nearly identical to the subject in all aspects, including dwelling size. Therefore, these most similar comparables received the most weight by the Board in its final analysis. They sold in April 2016 and October 2016 for prices of \$142,000 and \$114,000 or \$89.20 and \$71.61 per square foot of living area, including land, respectively. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$150,311 or \$94.42 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls above the market values of the best comparable sales in this record. Based on this evidence the Board finds a reduction in the subject's 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.

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## 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:

April 21, 2020

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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 <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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