



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

APPELLANT: Devon Hastings
DOCKET NO.: 17-01599.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 08-07-129-015

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Devon Hastings, 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 A Reduction 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: \$6,858
IMPR.: \$55,898
TOTAL: \$62,756

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 2-story dwelling of aluminum siding construction with 2,361 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1992. Features of the home include a full unfinished basement and a 576 square foot garage. The property has a 8,103 square foot site and is located in Waukegan, Waukegan Township, Lake County.

The appellant submitted evidence before the Property Tax Appeal Board claiming overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on three comparable sales located within .65 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 8,243 to 10,000 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story or part two-story and part one-story dwellings of wood or aluminum siding exterior construction that were built from 1966 to 2006. The dwellings range in size from 2,016 to 2,352 square feet of living area. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning

and a garage ranging in size from 420 to 600 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from April to December 2016 for prices ranging from \$170,000 to \$190,000 or from \$80.78 to \$85.12 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant 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 \$66,239. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$199,816 or \$84.63 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying the 2017 three-year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.15%.

In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales located from .29 of a mile to 1.46 miles from the subject.¹ The comparables have sites ranging in size from 7,514 to 30,331 of square feet of land area and are improved with two-story or part two-story and part one-story dwellings of aluminum siding or brick exterior construction that were built from 1991 to 1998. The dwellings range in size from 2,036 to 2,400 square feet of living area. The comparables each have an unfinished basement, central air conditioning and a garage ranging in size from 440 to 840 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from March 2016 to September 2017 for prices ranging from \$175,000 to \$250,000 or from \$81.90 to \$104.17 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 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 seven comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparable #2 as it is a significantly older dwelling when compared to the subject. The Board also gave less weight to board of review comparables, #1, #2 and #4 due to their distant location or considerably larger lot size when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of the subject's market value to be the appellant's comparable #1 and the parties' common comparable which are most similar to the subject in location and have varying degrees of similarity to the subject in design, age, dwelling size and features. Appellant's comparable #1 is a newer dwelling with superior central air conditioning while the parties' common comparable is a smaller dwelling with superior central air conditioning. The comparables sold in May and December 2016 for prices of \$190,000 and \$175,000 or for \$80.78 and \$85.12 per square foot of living area, including land, respectively. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$199,816 or \$84.63 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the per square foot range established by the best comparables in the record but above the range on overall price. After considering adjustments to the comparables

¹ Board of review comparable #3 is the same property as the appellant's comparable #3.

for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is excessive. Based on this record the Board finds the appellant proved by a preponderance of the evidence that the subject was overvalued. Therefore, 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.



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: May 26, 2020



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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