



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

APPELLANT: Courtney Lecinski
DOCKET NO.: 17-02886.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 05-25-306-028

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Courtney Lecinski, 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: \$12,688
IMPR.: \$51,312
TOTAL: \$64,000

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 two-story dwelling with wood siding exterior construction containing 1,638 square feet of living area. The dwelling was built in 2003. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and an attached two-car garage with 480 square feet of building area. The property has an 8,307 square foot site and is in Round Lake, Grant 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 improved with two-story dwellings with wood siding exteriors with either 1,620 or 1,724 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1999 to 2003. Each home has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning and an attached garage ranging in size from 388 to 440 square feet of building area. One comparable has a fireplace. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 5,968 to 10,777

square feet of land area and are located within .68 miles of the subject property. The sales occurred from March 2016 to April 2017 for prices ranging from \$173,000 to \$195,000 or from \$106.79 to \$113.11 per square foot of living area, including land. The appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$64,421.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$71,351. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$215,237 or \$131.40 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 three comparable sales improved with two-story dwellings with wood siding exteriors ranging in size from 1,616 to 1,730 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1999 to 2003. Each comparable has a basement with two having finished area, central air conditioning, and an attached garage with either 400 or 420 square feet of building area. One comparable has a fireplace. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 6,042 to 7,627 square feet of land area and are located within .75 miles of the subject property. The sales occurred from May 2016 to June 2017 for prices ranging from \$199,000 to \$237,000 or from \$123.14 to \$144.69 per square foot of living area, including land. The board of review requested the assessment be sustained.

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 Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the comparable sales submitted by the appellant and board of review sale #2. These properties are most similar to the subject dwelling in features including foundation, each with an unfinished basement. These four comparables sold for prices ranging from \$173,000 to \$199,000 or from \$106.79 to \$123.14 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$215,237 or \$131.40 per square foot of living area, including land, which is above the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. The Board gives less weight to board of review sales #1 and #3 due to their finished basement area whereas the subject has an unfinished basement. 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.



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: April 21, 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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