



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

APPELLANT: Bill Slovick
DOCKET NO.: 18-00610.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 06-24-102-001

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Bill Slovick, 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: \$36,730
IMPR.: \$87,431
TOTAL: \$124,161

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 2018 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 1.5-story dwelling of vinyl siding construction with 1,814 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1994. Features of the home include a full unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 484 square foot garage. The property has a 10,890 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 four comparables located over 2.3 miles from the subject property. The comparables are described as a one, 1-story, one 1.25 story and two, 2-story dwellings of vinyl siding, wood siding or brick exterior construction ranging in size from 1,439 to 2,174 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 1927 to 1994. The comparables have partial or full basements, with two having finished area. Each comparable has central air conditioning; three comparables each have one to three fireplaces and each

comparable has a garage ranging in size from 396 to 598 square feet of building area. The comparables are situated on sites ranging in size from 5,600 to 33,200 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from February 2016 to August 2017 for prices ranging from \$210,000 to \$425,000 or from \$96.60 to \$208.48 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 \$124,161. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$375,336 or \$206.91 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2018 three year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.08% 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 .947 of a mile of the subject. The comparables are described as one, 1-story, one, 1.5 story and two, 2-story dwellings of wood or vinyl siding exterior construction ranging in size from 1,792 to 1,840 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 1986 to 2001. Three comparables have partial or full basements with finished area; one comparable has a crawl space foundation; each comparable has central air conditioning, one fireplace and a garage containing from 400 to 616 square feet of building area. The comparables are situated on sites ranging in size from 6,922 to 16,683 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from June to September 2018 for prices ranging from \$322,500 to \$425,000 or from \$178.57 to \$237.17 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.

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 eight comparable sales for consideration. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparables based on their distant locations being over 2.3 miles from the subject property. In addition, appellant's comparables #1 and #2 are considerably older in age than the subject. The Board also gave less weight to board of review comparables #3 and #4. Comparable #3 is a dissimilar 1-story design and comparable #4 lacks a basement when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value for the subject property to be board of review comparables #1 and #2. These comparables are most similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, design, age and features though both have slightly larger lot sizes and superior finished basements. The comparables sold in July and September 2018 for prices of \$425,000 and \$390,000 or \$237.17 and \$213.23 per square foot of living area, including land, respectively. The subject's estimated market value of \$375,336 or \$206.91 per square foot of living area, including land, as reflected by its assessment falls below the best comparable sales in the record

both on overall price and price per square foot bases which is justified considering the comparables slightly larger lot sizes and superior finished basements. After considering necessary adjustment 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 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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