



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

APPELLANT: Stephanie Geman-Marcotte
DOCKET NO.: 18-00651.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 06-32-104-050

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Stephanie Geman-Marcotte, 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: \$14,041
IMPR.: \$75,616
TOTAL: \$89,657

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 two-story dwelling of vinyl siding exterior construction with 3,142 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2003. Features of the home include a partial unfinished basement, central air conditioning and a 528 square foot garage. The property has a 9,030 square foot site and is located in Round Lake, Avon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on six comparable sales located within the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparable parcels range in size from 9,030 to 12,808 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of vinyl siding exterior construction. The homes were built from 2002 to 2005 and range in size from 2,588 to 3,433 square feet of living area. Each dwelling has a full or partial unfinished basement, central air

conditioning and a garage of either 528 or 609 square feet of building area. Four of the comparables each have a fireplace. The comparables sold from March 2017 to March 2018 for prices ranging from \$224,000 to \$295,000 or from \$80.36 to \$88.48 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced total assessment of \$86,920 which would reflect a market value of \$260,786 or \$83.00 per square foot of living area, at the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$89,657. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$271,031 or \$86.26 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 its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales, where board of review comparables #1 and #2 are the same properties as appellant's comparables #2 and #5, respectively. Each of the comparables are located within the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparable parcels range in size from 9,030 to 12,234 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of vinyl siding exterior construction. The homes were built from 2002 to 2004 and each contains 3,142 square feet of living area. Each dwelling has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning and a garage of either 528 or 599 square feet of building area. Three of the comparables each have a fireplace. The comparables sold from November 2016 to July 2018 for prices ranging from \$253,000 to \$275,000 or from \$80.52 to \$87.52 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 did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted a total of eight comparable sales, with two common properties, to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board has given reduced weight to appellant's comparables #3 and #4 as these dwellings differ in size from the subject as compared to the other comparables in the record. The Board has given reduced weight to board of review comparable #4 which sold in November 2016, a date more remote in time to the valuation date at issue than other sales in the record.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellant's comparable sales #1, #2, #5 and #6 along with board of review comparable sales #1, #2 and #3, where there are two common properties presented by the parties. These most similar comparables sold from March 2017 to July 2018 for prices ranging from \$252,500 to \$275,000 or from \$80.36 to \$88.48 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$271,031

or \$86.26 per square foot of living area, including land, which is within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record and particularly well-supported by the appellant's own comparable properties presented in this appeal. Based on this evidence, the Board finds 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:

November 17, 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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