



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

APPELLANT: Evan Coppersmith
DOCKET NO.: 18-01260.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-34-311-015

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Evan Coppersmith, 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 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: \$57,794
IMPR.: \$121,628
TOTAL: \$179,422

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 brick exterior construction with 2,296 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1964 and has an effective age of 1981 due to recent remodeling. Features of the home include a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 484 square foot garage. The property has a 12,345 square foot site and is located in Deerfield, Moraine 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 same neighborhood and .18 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 12,081 to 16,502 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings of brick exterior construction that range in size from 2,300 to 2,730 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 1963 to 1968. The comparables have basements, with five having

finished area. Additional features of each comparable include central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage with either 462 or 484 square feet of building area. The appellant also submitted Multiple Listing Service (MLS) sheets associated with the sales of comparables #2 and #3. Listing remarks noted comparable #2 was completely updated and upgraded in 2003 while comparable #3 was a spectacularly renovated home in 2015. The comparables sold from December 2016 to August 2018 for prices ranging from \$365,000 to \$500,000 or from \$147.95 to \$202.68 per square foot of living area, land included. 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 \$179,422. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$542,388 or \$236.23 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 response to the appeal, the board of review argued that the subject sold in July 2015 for \$568,000 which is 6.1% higher than the subject's current 2018 assessment and the subject was gutted and remodeled in 2015. Furthermore, the subject was listed for sale or rent in May 2019 for \$575,000. MLS sheets associated with the sale and listing of the subject were submitted by the board of review.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted a grid analysis and property record cards for the subject and three comparable sales located within the subject neighborhood and .161 of mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 13,071 to 13,941 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction that range in size from 2,167 to 2,467 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 1962 to 1964. The comparables have basements with finished area, central air conditioning and a garage with either 440 or 462 square feet of building area. One comparable has a fireplace. The comparables sold from May 2016 to April 2017 for prices of \$506,250 or \$590,000 or from \$233.62 to \$244.81 per square foot of living area, land included. 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 did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The Board finds nine comparables were submitted by the parties in support of their respective positions. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparable #5 along with board of review comparable #3 as they sold in 2016 which is less proximate in time to the January 1, 2018 assessment date and thus, less likely to be reflective of the subject's market value. The Board

also gave less weight to the appellant's comparable #6 due to its larger dwelling size when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparable #1 through #4 along with board of review comparables #1 and #2. These comparables are similar to the subject in location, design, dwelling size, age and features. The comparables sold from March 2017 to August 2018 for prices ranging from \$365,000 to \$590,000 or from \$147.95 to \$239.16 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$542,388 or \$236.23 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. After considering adjustments 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. 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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