



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

APPELLANT: Jill Davidson
DOCKET NO.: 18-01603.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-34-106-029

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jill Davidson, the appellant, by attorney Steven Kandelman, of Rieff Schramm Kanter & Guttman in Chicago; 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: \$90,986
IMPR.: \$157,154
TOTAL: \$248,140

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 3,244 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1966. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 552 square foot garage. The property has a 20,918 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 three comparable sales located within 0.21 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 12,735 to 18,291 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction that range in size from 3,052 to 3,300 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1964 to 1967. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning,

one fireplace and a garage ranging in size from 442 to 576 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from June 2017 to April 2018 for prices ranging from \$486,500 to \$715,000 or from \$159.40 to \$216.67 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$212,677.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$248,140. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$750,121 or \$231.23 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 support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales located within approximately 0.32 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 12,691 to 13,785 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings of brick exterior construction that range in size from 2,873 to 3,204 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1964 to 1967. Each comparable has a basement, two with finished area, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a garage ranging in size from 462 to 552 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from December 2015 to March 2018 for prices ranging from \$680,000 to \$837,000 or from \$236.69 to \$261.24 per square foot of living area, land included.

The board of review included comments noting that the subject has a larger site size than their comparables and that two of their comparables have smaller basements. The board of review also asserted that the appellant's comparable #4 sold "as is" but provided no documentation to support this statement. Additionally, the appellant submitted only three comparable sales. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested 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 parties submitted seven comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to the board of review comparables #1, #3 and #4 which have a finished basement dissimilar to the subject's unfinished basement and/or sold in 2015 or 2016 and are dated and less likely to be indicative of the subject's fair market value as of the January 1, 2018 assessment date.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparable sales along with board of review comparable #2 which are similar to the subject in terms of location, age, design, dwelling size and features but differ from the subject in each having a smaller site size. These most similar comparables sold from June 2017 to April 2018 for prices ranging from \$486,500 to \$758,500 or from \$159.40 to \$248.85 per square foot of living area, including land.

The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$750,121 or \$231.23 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 with the subject, 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: December 15, 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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