



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

APPELLANT: William Schlitz
DOCKET NO.: 18-02567.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 05-25-407-010

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are William Schlitz, 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: \$9,433
IMPR.: \$69,485
TOTAL: \$78,918

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 wood siding exterior construction with 2,368 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2002. Features of the home include an unfinished full basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 420 square foot garage. The property has a 7,257 square foot site and is located 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 eleven comparable sales located within 0.99 of a mile from the subject and where comparable #11 was submitted twice. The comparables have sites that range in size from 6,534 to 10,777 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction that range in size from 2,292 to 2,472 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1999 to 2005. Each comparable has a full or partial

basement, two with finished area, central air conditioning and a garage ranging in size from 420 to 520 square feet of building area. Ten comparables each have one fireplace. The comparables sold from January 2017 to June 2018 for prices ranging from \$192,500 to \$262,500 or from \$80.88 to \$114.53 per square foot of living area, land included.

The appellant's counsel submitted the Multiple Listing Service sheet on their comparable #11 in support of the sale price. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$72,611.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$78,918. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$238,567 or \$100.75 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.

Based on a letter from the Grant Township Assessor's Office, dated September 20, 2018, the subject's current assessment reflects the median price per square foot of all 16 comparables submitted in the record.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on six comparable sales located within approximately 1.0 mile of the subject property. Board of review comparable #3 is the same property as the appellant's comparable #9. The comparables have sites that range in size from 7,279 to 10,001 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction that range in size from 2,202 to 2,380 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1999 to 2003. Each comparable has a basement, four with finished area, central air conditioning and a garage ranging in size from 400 to 682 square feet of building area. Four comparables each have one fireplace. The comparables sold from April 2017 to May 2018 for prices ranging from \$208,000 to \$255,900 or from \$93.95 to \$116.00 per square foot of living area, land included. 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 record contains 16 comparables for the Board's consideration as one comparable was submitted twice and one comparable was common to both parties. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparables #3, #4, #6, #7, #9/board of review #3 and #11 due to having either partial basements or finished basement compared to the subject's full and unfinished basement. Similarly, the Board gave less weight to board of review comparables #2, #5 and #6 which also have finished basements compared to the subject's unfinished basement. The Board also gave

less weight to board of review comparable #1 which has a larger site size and larger garage square footage when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellant's comparables #1, #2, #5, #8, #10 along with board of review comparable #4 which are similar to the subject in location, age, design, dwelling size and features. These comparables sold from January to December 2017 for prices ranging from \$192,500 to \$250,000 or from \$80.88 to \$104.82 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$238,567 or \$100.75 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. After considering adjustment 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: January 19, 2021



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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