



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

APPELLANT: Jones Lease Properties, LLC
DOCKET NO.: 18-04054.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-26-403-012

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jones Lease Properties, LLC, the appellant, by attorney R. Nick Mason of Mason & Scott, P.C. in Moline; and the Rock Island 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 **Rock Island** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$5,235
IMPR.: \$30,763
TOTAL: \$35,998

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Rock Island 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 split-foyer design dwelling of vinyl siding exterior construction with 1,536 square feet of living area.¹ The dwelling was constructed in 1970. Features of the home include central air conditioning, a fireplace and a two-car garage containing 576 square feet of building area. The property has a 9,145 square foot site and is located in Milan, Blackhawk Township, Rock Island County.

¹ The appellant reported in Section III of the appeal petition the subject's site size of 8,172 square feet of land area which is improved with a two-story dwelling containing 818 square feet of living area and a full basement with finished area. The board of review submitted a copy of the subject's property record card with a schematic drawing and photograph supporting a dwelling of split-foyer design containing 1,536 square feet of living area situated on a 9,145 square foot site. The Property Tax Appeal Board finds the board of review submitted the best evidence of the subject's site size, dwelling size and design.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal based upon the recent purchase price of the subject property and sales of comparable properties.

As to the purchase price, the appellant completed Section IV – Recent Sale Data reporting the subject property was purchased in February 2017 for a price of \$59,900 or \$39.00 per square foot of living area using 1,536 square feet, including land. The property was purchased from Castle 2016, LLC, the parties to the transaction were not related, the property sold through a realtor after being advertised on the open market with the multiple-listing service (MLS) for a period of 57 days. The appellant reported the property sold in settlement of a foreclosure action. Copies of the Real Estate Purchase Agreement and Settlement Statement were submitted reiterating the purchase price and that broker's commissions were distributed to two entities. In Section IV, the appellant further reported that after expenditure of \$46,343.79 for renovations, the property was occupied on June 1, 2017 which indicates a total investment for the subject property of \$106,243.79.

The appellant also submitted a grid analysis and photographs on three comparable sales located in either Milan or Rock Island and from .8 to 5.5 miles from the subject property. The comparables range in size from 5,076 to 9,121 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with one-story dwellings of frame exterior construction ranging in size from 912 to 936 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1952 to 1967. One comparable has a partial basement with finished area, one comparable has a concrete slab foundation and one comparable has a crawl-space foundation. Each comparable has central air conditioning and a one-car or a two-car garage. Comparable #2 was noted as having new windows, roof, siding, floors, counters, cabinets, furnace, central air conditioning, water heater and a remodeled bathroom in 2018. The comparables sold in January or October 2018 for prices ranging from \$55,000 to \$59,900 or from \$58.76 to \$65.25 per square foot of living area, including land.

Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the subject's assessment be reduced to \$19,965 which would approximately reflect the February 2017 purchase price of \$59,900 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 \$35,998. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$107,972 or \$70.92 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2018 three-year average median level of assessment for Rock Island County of 33.34% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In response to the appeal, the board of review argued that the appellant's comparables are not located in the subject's subdivision. Furthermore, the board of review argued that appellant's comparable #3 is located in another township and city. The board of review asserted that the appellant's comparison grid does not show properties that are comparable to the subject in condition, story height, age and/or location. The board of review contends the appellant's grid should not be used to determine the subject's market value.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information and photographs of six comparable properties located in either Milan or Rock Island and from

.13 to .91 of a mile from the subject property.² The comparables have sites that range in size from approximately 5,924 to 55,717 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with split-foyer style dwellings of frame or vinyl siding exterior construction ranging in size from 1,292 to 1,700 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1968 to 1977. Each comparable features central air conditioning and a garage ranging in size from 468 to 900 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from October 2015 to August 2018 for prices ranging from \$109,000 to \$122,000 or from \$66.18 to \$94.43 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 evidence in the record does not support a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The appellant provided evidence that the subject property was purchased in February 2017 for a price of \$59,900. The record indicated the property was advertised for sale for 57 days but was a foreclosure. In addition, the appellant and board of review reported that renovations were made to the property in the sum of \$46,343.79 before the property was occupied on June 1, 2017. The Board gives little weight to the subject's sale price as the condition of the property changed after its sale due to renovations. Thus, the sale price in February 2017 does not reflect its condition as of the January 1, 2018 assessment date.

The appellant and the board of review submitted information on a total of nine comparable sales to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board has given reduced weight to appellant's comparables along with board of review comparables #2, #4 and #5 which differ from the subject in location, site size, design, dwelling size, age, foundation type and/or sale date.

Based on this record, the Board finds the best comparable sales are board of review comparables #1, #3 and #6. These properties are relatively similar to the subject in location, site size, dwelling size, design, age, condition and features. The properties sold from April 2017 to August 2018 for prices ranging from \$109,900 to \$112,500 or for \$66.18 to \$76.39 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$107,972 or \$70.92 per square foot of living area, including land, which is below the overall price range established by the best comparable sales in this record but within the range on a square foot basis. The Board finds the subject is not overvalued and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not justified.

² The Board has renumbered board of review comparables #7 through #10 as comparables #3 through #6 for ease of read.

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: March 16, 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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