



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

APPELLANT: Jennifer Kuntz
DOCKET NO.: 19-05180.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-20-111-019

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jennifer Kuntz, 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: \$ 25,098
IMPR.: \$ 93,747
TOTAL: \$118,845

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 2019 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 frame with brick trim exterior construction with 2,428 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2005. Features of the home include a full basement, one fireplace and a 440 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 5,570 square foot site and is located in Lake Zurich, Ela 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 in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and within .05 of a mile from the subject. The parcels range in size from 5,133 to 6,852 square feet of land area which are improved with two-story dwellings of frame or frame with brick trim exterior construction. The homes were built in either 2004 or 2005 and range in size from 2,556 to 2,598 square feet of living area. Each comparable has a

basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a garage of either 440 or 482 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from November 2018 to March 2019 for prices ranging from \$335,000 to \$387,000 or from \$128.95 to \$149.02 per square foot of living area, including land.

Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced total assessment of \$109,249, which would reflect a market value of \$327,780 or \$135.00 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying 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 \$118,845. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$361,341 or \$148.82 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2019 three year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 32.89% 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 comparable #1 is the same property as appellant's comparable #3. The comparables #1 and #2 are located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject but all of the comparables are located within .31 of a mile from the subject. The parcels range in size from 5,270 to 19,720 square feet of land area which are improved with two-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction. The homes were built from 2001 to 2005 and range in size from 2,597 to 2,984 square feet of living area. Each comparable has a basement, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 482 to 673 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from August 2018 to November 2019 for prices ranging from \$387,000 to \$467,000 or from \$149.02 to \$164.78 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 six comparable sales, one of which was common to both parties, to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board with varying degrees of similarity to the subject although each is superior to the subject by having central air conditioning which is not an amenity of the subject, suggesting downward adjustments would be necessary to make the comparables more equivalent to the subject in this feature. The comparables sold from November 2018 to November 2019 for prices ranging from \$335,000 to \$467,000 or from \$128.95 to \$164.78 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$361,341 or \$148.82 per square foot of living area, including land, which is bracketed by the best comparable sales in this record both in terms of overall value and on a per-square-foot basis which appears to be logical given the subject

dwelling is smaller than each of these comparable dwellings. Accepted real estate valuation theory provides that all factors being equal, as the size of the property increases, the per unit value decreases. In contrast, as the size of a property decreases, the per unit value increases. Therefore, based on this evidence and after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to 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: June 21, 2022



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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