



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

APPELLANT: Kristina Szczech
DOCKET NO.: 19-05547.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 01-28-403-007

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Kristina Szczech, 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: \$3,862
IMPR.: \$41,303
TOTAL: \$45,165

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 one-story dwelling with wood siding exterior construction containing 980 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1945 but has a 1985 effective age. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, a fireplace and an attached 480 square foot garage. The property has a 6,250 square foot site and is located in Fox Lake, Antioch Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on ten comparable properties that are located from .23 to .59 of a mile from the subject. The comparables are improved with one-story condominiums of wood siding exterior construction containing from 836 to 1,142 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1974 to 1978 and have slab foundations. The comparables have central air conditioning and eight comparables have an attached garage ranging in size from 210

to 317 square feet of building area. Nine of the comparables sold from April to November 2018 for prices ranging from \$74,500 to \$109,900 or from \$89.11 to \$101.32 per square foot of living area, including land.¹ 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 \$45,165. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$137,321 or \$140.12 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 three comparable sales that are located from .74 of a mile to 1.71 miles from the subject. The comparables have sites with 7,500 or 40,420 square feet of land area that are improved with one-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction containing from 990 to 1,120 square feet of living area. The homes were built in 1945 or 1950 but two have effective ages of 1970 and 1978. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, two comparables have central air conditioning, one comparable has a fireplace and two comparables have a 210 or a 780 square foot detached garage. The comparables sold from May 2018 to March 2019 for prices ranging from \$139,900 to \$150,000 or from \$124.91 to \$151.21 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 record contains a total of twelve comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables due to their dissimilar condominium style with a slab foundation, when compared to the subject. The Board finds the board of review's comparables are similar to the subject in location, style, size and some features. However, each of the board of review's comparables has an older effective age, when compared to the subject. Nevertheless, the best comparables sold from May 2018 to March 2019 for prices ranging from \$139,900 to \$150,000 or from \$124.91 to \$151.21 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$137,321 or \$140.12 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls below the range established by the best comparable sales in the record on a total market value basis but within the range on a per square foot basis. After considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, such as their older effective age, the Board finds the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is well supported and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not justified.

¹ The appellant failed to include sale information for comparable #2.

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:

April 19, 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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