



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

APPELLANT: Meredith Leggitt
DOCKET NO.: 20-00233.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 12-31-216-004

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Meredith Leggitt, the appellant, by attorney Gregory Riggs, of Tax Appeals Lake County in Lake Zurich, 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: \$94,956
IMPR.: \$234,344
TOTAL: \$329,300

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 2020 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 1.5-story dwelling of wood siding and brick exterior construction with 4,032 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1954 and has an effective year built of 1964.¹ Features of the home include a basement finished with a recreation room, central air conditioning, three fireplaces and a 660 square foot garage. The property has a 20,000 square foot site and is located in Lake Forest, Shields Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four comparable sales located from .09 to 1.05 miles from the subject. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 25,700 to 80,150 square feet of

¹ The Board finds the subject was remodeled in 2007 and had a permit for an addition in 2005 for \$621,000 per the subject's property record card submitted by the board of review.

land area and are improved with 1-story, 1.5-story or 2-story dwellings of brick, stucco, or brick and wood siding exterior construction that were built from 1961 to 1998 with comparable #4 having an effective year built of 1980. The dwellings range in size from 3,783 to 5,893 square feet of living area and have basements, one of which is finished with a recreation room. Each comparable has central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 616 to 1,329 square feet of building area. Comparable #4 has an inground swimming pool. The comparables sold from February 2019 to July 2020 for prices ranging from \$682,875 to \$900,000 or from \$134.06 to \$222.05 per square foot of living area, including land. 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 \$329,300. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$989,186 or \$245.33 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2020 three-year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.29% 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 located from .46 to 1.18 miles from the subject. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 40,190 to 83,260 square feet of land area and are improved with 1.5-story or 2-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction that were built from 1928 to 1978. Comparables #1 and #2 have effective years built of 1979 and 1946, respectively. The dwellings range in size from 3,999 to 4,741 square feet of living area. The comparables have basements, one of which is finished with a recreation room. Each comparable has central air conditioning, two or three fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 484 to 625 square feet of building area. These comparables sold from May 2019 to October 2020 for prices ranging from \$1,000,000 to \$1,305,000 or from \$210.93 to \$295.38 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 seven suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board finds neither party submitted comparables truly similar to the subject due to differences in location, age, dwelling size and some features when compared to the subject. Nevertheless, these comparables sold from February 2019 to October 2020 for prices ranging from \$682,875 to \$1,305,000 or \$134.06 to \$295.38 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$989,186 or \$245.33 per square foot of living area, including land, which is within the range established by the best comparable sales in the record. Based on this evidence and after considering adjustments to the comparable sales for differences in location, age, dwelling size and/or features when compared to the subject, the Board finds the appellant failed to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that a reduction in the subject's assessment is justified based on overvaluation.

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: September 20, 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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