



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

APPELLANT: Natalie Stone
DOCKET NO.: 20-04316.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 12-21-303-002

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Natalie Stone, 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: \$92,535
IMPR.: \$122,883
TOTAL: \$215,418

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 2-story dwelling of wood siding exterior construction with 2,693 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1970. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and an attached 462 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 7,750 square foot site and is located in Lake Bluff, Shields Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on six comparable sales that are located from .01 to .51 of a mile from the subject. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 7,749 to 16,065 square feet of land area that are improved with 1.75-story or 2-story dwellings ranging in size from 2,473 to 3,229 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1952 to 1970, with homes built in 1952 and 1965 having 1966 and 1986 effective ages. The comparables have basements, two

of which have finished area, central air conditioning, one or three fireplaces, and a garage ranging in size from 440 to 660 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from July 2019 to June 2020 for prices ranging from \$555,000 to \$800,000 or from \$222.80 to \$268.82 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 \$215,418. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$647,095 or \$240.29 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 five comparable sales that are located from .25 to .44 of a mile from the subject. The board of review's comparable #2 is the same property as the appellant's comparable #6. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 6,250 to 16,060 square feet of land area that are improved with 1.5-story or 2-story dwellings of wood siding, brick or brick and wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,301 to 3,026 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1912 to 2007, with the home built in 1912 having a 1950 effective age. The comparables have basements, each of which have finished area, central air conditioning, from one to three fireplaces, and an attached or detached garage ranging in size from 400 to 660 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from May 2019 to October 2020 for prices ranging from \$775,000 to \$865,000 or from \$268.82 to \$336.81 per square foot of living area, including land. The board of review noted the subject's 2020 assessment reflects a market value that is below the subject's April 2018 purchase price of \$685,000 or \$254.36 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 10 comparable sales for the Board's consideration, one of which was submitted by both parties. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #2, #3 and #5, due to their dissimilar 1.75-story dwelling style or their significantly larger dwelling size when compared to the subject. The Board also gives less weight to the board of review's comparables #3, #4 and #5, due to their dissimilar 1.5-story style dwelling, their considerably larger dwelling size or their newer dwelling when compared to the subject. The Board finds the parties' remaining comparables, which includes the parties' common comparable, have varying degrees of similarity to the subject. However, two of the parties' best comparables have finished

basement area, unlike the subject. Nevertheless, the best comparables sold from November 2019 to May 2020 for prices ranging from \$555,000 to \$825,000 or from \$222.80 to \$293.49 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$647,095 or \$240.29 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the best comparables in the record. After considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is supported. Based on this evidence the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

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 21, 2023



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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