



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

APPELLANT: Stuart Skinner
DOCKET NO.: 20-04382.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 11-17-406-002

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Stuart Skinner, 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 **A Reduction** 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: \$71,716
IMPR.: \$137,610
TOTAL: \$209,326

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 two-story dwelling of frame exterior construction with 3,258 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1974 and has an effective age of 1977. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace, a 514 square foot garage and an enclosed porch with 299 square feet of building area. The property has a 15,577 square foot site and is located in Libertyville, Libertyville 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 within 0.43 of a mile from the subject property. Comparable #3 is also located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables have sites that range in size from 16,900 to 52,456 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings of brick and frame exterior construction

that range in size from 3,278 to 3,723 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1973 to 1980. Comparables #1 and #3 have effective ages of 1981 and 1976, respectively. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 552 to 744 square feet of building area. Comparable #3 also features an enclosed porch. The properties sold from January to June 2020 for prices ranging from \$499,999 to \$622,500 or from \$139.67 to \$189.90 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$171,571 which reflects a market value of \$514,764 or \$158.00 per square foot of living area, land included, 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 \$212,685. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$638,886 or \$196.10 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 located within 0.55 of a mile from the subject property, none of which are located in the subject's assessment neighborhood code. The comparables have sites that range in size from 11,260 to 24,060 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction that range in size from 2,706 to 3,635 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1981 to 1985. Three comparables have effective ages that range from 1987 to 1994. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 473 to 616 square feet of building area. Comparables #1, #2 and #5 each have an inground swimming pool. The properties sold from March 2019 to October 2020 for prices ranging from \$490,000 to \$790,000 or from \$172.47 to \$243.53 per square foot of living area, land included.

The board of review included handwritten comments arguing the appellant "cherry-picks" comparables located outside of the subdivision, including comparable #1 which it contended is located on a "well-traveled county highway." The board of review did not submit any documentary evidence to support its claims regarding the appellant's comparable sales. The board of review stated that its five comparable sales support the subject's assessment. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the subject's assessment be confirmed.

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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The parties submitted eight comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparable #1 along with board of review comparables #1, #2, #3

and #5 which differ from the subject in site size, age/effective age, dwelling size and/or feature an inground swimming pool which the subject property lacks.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the remaining comparables which are more similar to the subject in location, age/effective age, design, dwelling size and other features. These comparables sold from May 2019 to April 2020 for prices ranging from \$490,000 to \$622,500 or from \$151.93 to \$189.90 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$638,886 or \$196.10 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls above the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. After considering adjustments to the comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is 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: March 15, 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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