



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

APPELLANT: Ron Witcraft
DOCKET NO.: 20-04994.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 06-28-416-018

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Ron Witcraft, 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: \$9,168
IMPR.: \$56,594
TOTAL: \$65,762

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 vinyl siding exterior construction with 1,539 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2000. Features of the home include a finished basement, central air conditioning, and a 400 square foot attached garage. The property has an approximately 5,227 square foot site and is located in Hainesville, Avon 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 with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and located within 0.06 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 4,256 to 6,970 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings with either 1,539 or 1,682 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built in either 1999 or 2000. Each comparable has a basement, central

air conditioning, and either a 400 or 484 square foot attached garage. Two comparables each have one fireplace. The properties sold from May 2018 to April 2019 for prices ranging from \$186,000 to \$209,000 or from \$110.58 to \$124.26 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested an assessment reduction.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$65,762, reflecting a market value of \$197,543 or \$128.36 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 the subject's assessment, the board of review submitted information on five comparable sales with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property and located within 0.16 of a mile from the subject. These comparables are improved with 1-story or 2-story dwellings of vinyl siding exterior construction with either 1,350 or 1,682 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built in either 1999 or 2000. The board of review reported that two comparables each have an unfinished full basement and three comparables each have a finished lower level. Each comparable has central air conditioning and either a 420 or 484 square foot garage. One comparable has one fireplace. The properties sold from May to October 2020 for prices ranging from \$209,000 to \$245,500 or from \$131.99 to \$181.85 per square foot of living area, land included. 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 eight comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparable #2 because the sale occurred 19 months prior to the subject's January 1, 2020 assessment date, less proximate in time than the other comparables in the record. The Board gives less weight to board of review comparables #1, #2, and #5 which differ from the subject in design and foundation style.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparables #1 and #3 as well as board of review comparables #3 and #4 which have sale dates more proximate in time to the subject's assessment date and are overall more similar to the subject in location, design, age, dwelling size, and most features. However, these comparables were not reported to have finished basement area, which is a feature of the subject, suggesting upward adjustments for this difference would be necessary to make them more equivalent to the subject. These four properties sold from February 2019 to October 2020 for prices ranging from \$186,000 to \$232,000 or from \$110.58 to \$137.93 per square foot of living area, land included. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$197,543 or \$128.36 per square foot of living area, land included, which falls within the range established by the best comparable sales in the

record. Based on the record and 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 and 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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