



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

APPELLANT: Michelle Block
DOCKET NO.: 20-05216.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-30-410-017

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Michelle Block, 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: \$51,711
IMPR.: \$129,553
TOTAL: \$181,264

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 brick exterior construction with 2,644 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1978. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 499 square foot garage. The property has a 11,664¹ square foot site and is located in Deerfield, West Deerfield 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 0.27 of a mile from the subject property. Two comparables have sites of 12,057 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings ranging in size from 2,359 to 3,036 square feet of living area that were built in 1970 and 1971. Each comparable has a basement, central air

¹ The Board finds the best evidence of the appellant's site size is found in the property record card provided by the board of review.

conditioning, one fireplace and a garage ranging in size from 484 to 581 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from April 2018 to August 2019 for prices ranging from \$459,300 to \$624,000 or from \$151.28 to \$264.52 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 \$181,264. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$544,500 or \$205.94 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 2.36 miles from the subject property. Three comparables have sites ranging from 8,600 to 18,270 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with 1-story or 2-story dwellings of brick or brick and wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,276 to 2,944 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1956 to 1967 with comparable #4 having an effective year built of 1980. Each comparable has a basement, two of which have finished area, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 438 to 506 square feet of building area. Three comparables each have central air conditioning. The comparables sold from April 2019 to August 2020 for prices of \$550,000 or \$555,000 or from \$186.82 to \$241.65 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 has given less weight to the appellant's comparables due to their sales occurring in 2018, less proximate in time to the January 1, 2020 assessment date and/or larger dwelling size when compared to the subject. The Board has given less weight to the board of review comparables #1 and #2 due to their dissimilar dwelling size, age, design or lack of central air conditioning when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the board of review comparables #3 and #4 which sold more proximate in time to the assessment date at issue and are more similar to the subject in design, dwelling size, age and some features. The comparables sold in May and July 2019 for prices of \$550,000 and \$555,000 or \$186.82 and \$226.99 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$544,500 or \$205.94 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls below the range established by the best comparable sales in the record on an overall market value basis and falls within the range on a price per square foot basis. Based on this record and after considering adjustments to the best

comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds no reduction in the subject's assessment is 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:

April 18, 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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