



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

APPELLANT: Anna Stegemann
DOCKET NO.: 21-00712.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 11-21-222-013

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Anna Stegemann, the appellant, by attorney Eric Feldman, of Eric Feldman & Assoc. P.C. in Chicago; 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: \$78,479
IMPR.: \$242,700
TOTAL: \$321,179

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 2021 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 wood siding exterior construction with 4,018 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2007. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, seven fireplaces, a partially finished attic, and a garage containing 848 square feet of building area.¹ The property has a 13,661 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 five comparable sales located within .16 of a mile of the subject and within the subject's assessment neighborhood.² The comparables consist of two-story dwellings of wood siding or brick and wood siding exterior construction ranging in size

¹ Details not reported by the appellant were drawn from the property record card submitted by the board of review.

² Details not reported on appellant's grid have been drawn from the grid submitted by the board of review.

from 2,962 to 4,341 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1996 to 2018. Each dwelling has central air conditioning, one to four fireplaces, an unfinished basement, and a garage ranging in size from 528 to 773 square feet of building area. Comparable #3 has a finished attic. The parcels range in size from 8,288 to 9,112 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from February 2020 to February 2021 for prices ranging from \$700,000 to \$1,075,000 or from \$204.82 to \$296.44 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced assessment of \$321,179, for an estimated market value of \$963,633 or \$239.83 per square foot of living area, including land, 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 \$367,014. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$1,103,802 or \$274.71 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2021 three-year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.25% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted a grid containing the appellant's comparables with handwritten notations stating that the "[s]ubject is far superior to all comps" and the "[p]rice per square foot is justified."

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 a total of five comparable sales to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #1, #3, and #5 due to differences in age or dwelling size when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellant's comparable sales #2 and #4, which are similar to the subject in age, location, dwelling size, and some features. These most similar comparables sold for prices of \$832,500 and \$900,000 or for \$204.82 and \$242.78 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$1,103,802 or \$274.71 per square foot of living area, including land, which is above the best comparable sales in this record. Based on this evidence and after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment commensurate with the appellant's request 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:

August 22, 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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