



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

APPELLANT: Nicole DeMoss
DOCKET NO.: 21-04107.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 02-36-101-068

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Nicole DeMoss, 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: \$10,353
IMPR.: \$57,478
TOTAL: \$67,831

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 tri-level dwelling¹ of wood siding exterior construction with 1,079 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1984. Features of the home include a finished lower level, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a 540 square foot garage. The property has a 9,505 square foot site and is located in Lindenhurst, Lake Villa 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 0.42 of a mile from the subject. The parcels range in size from 8,742 to 9,914 square feet of land area and are improved

¹ Additional details regarding the subject not reported by the appellant are found in the subject's property record card presented by the board of review and were not refuted by the appellant in written rebuttal.

with 1-story or tri-level homes² of wood frame exterior construction ranging in size from 1,144 to 1,248 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1978 to 1986. Each home has central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a garage ranging in size from 462 to 528 square feet of building area. Comparable #2 has a finished lower level. The comparables sold from July 2019 to August 2020 for prices ranging from \$193,000 to \$215,000 or from \$159.81 to \$179.17 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 \$67,831. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$204,003 or \$189.07 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 information on four comparable sales located within 0.49 of a mile from the subject. Comparable #2 is the same property as the appellant's comparable #2, but the board of review has reported a more recent sale than the appellant. The parcels range in size from 9,000 to 10,900 square feet of land area and are improved with tri-level homes of wood siding exterior construction with 1,130 or 1,144 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built in 1985 or 1986. Each home has a lower level, two of which have finished area, central air conditioning, and a 480 or a 484 square foot garage. Two comparables each have a fireplace. The comparables sold from July 2020 to October 2021 for prices ranging from \$223,000 to \$265,000 or from \$194.93 to \$231.64 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 a total of nine comparable sales, with one property that sold twice, for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables, due to substantial differences from the subject in design and/or which sold less proximate in time to the assessment date than the other comparables in this record.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the board of review's comparables, which sold more proximate in time to the assessment date and are similar to the subject in design, dwelling size, age, location, site size, and features, although two comparable lack finished lower level area, suggesting these comparables would need upward adjustments to make

² The board of review reported comparable #2, which is common to both parties, is a tri-level home, which was not refuted by the appellant in written rebuttal.

them more equivalent to the subject. These most similar comparables sold for prices ranging from \$223,000 to \$265,000 or from \$194.93 to \$231.64 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$204,003 or \$189.07 per square foot of living area, including land, which is below the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. Based on this evidence and after considering appropriate adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is not 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: January 16, 2024



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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