

# FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Michael Sattler DOCKET NO.: 21-04354.001-R-1 PARCEL NO.: 11-11-202-001

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Michael Sattler, 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:** \$56,384 **IMPR.:** \$65,740 **TOTAL:** \$122,124

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 1-story dwelling of brick exterior construction with 1,981 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1959 and has an effective age of 1964.<sup>1</sup> Features of the home include a crawl space foundation, central air conditioning, two fireplaces, and an 888 square foot garage. The property has a 67,719 square foot site and is located in Green Oaks, Libertyville Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant disclosed the subject property had been listed for sale for a total of 184 days from October 9, 2019 to April 10, 2020. The appellant asserted the last listing price in April, 2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Additional details regarding the subject not reported by the appellant are found in listing sheet for the subject property or the subject's property record card presented by the board of review and were not refuted by the appellant in written rebuttal.

was \$309,500 which is below the market value reflected by the subject's assessment. The appellant presented a listing history and a listing sheet for the subject. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to reflect the last listing price.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$122,124. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$367,290 or \$185.41 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 two comparable sales located within 0.20 of a mile from the subject. The comparables have 39,223 or 39,347 square foot sites that are improved with 1-story homes of brick or frame exterior construction with 1,872 or 2,043 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built in 1950 and 1978 with the older home having an effective age of 1960. Each home has a basement, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces, and one or two garages ranging in size from 641 to 690 square feet of building area. The comparables sold in October 2020 and April 2021 for prices of \$385,000 and \$400,000 or for \$205.66 and \$195.79 per square foot of living area, including land, respectively. 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 two comparable sales and evidence of a listing of the subject property. The Board gives less weight to the October, 2019 through April, 2020 listing of the subject property, which is not a sale and is less likely to be indicative of market value as of the January 1, 2021 assessment date.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the two comparable sales, which sold proximate in time to the assessment date and are similar to the subject in dwelling size, location, and some features, although these comparables have smaller sites than the subject and have basements unlike the subject, and one of these comparables is a much newer home than the subject, suggesting adjustments to these comparables would be needed to make them more equivalent to the subject. These comparables sold for prices of \$385,000 and \$400,000 or for \$205.66 and \$195.79 per square foot of living area, including land, respectively. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$367,290 or \$185.41 per square foot of living area, including land, which is below the two 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.

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# **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.

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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 <u>PETITION AND EVIDENCE</u> 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.

# PARTIES OF RECORD

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