



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

APPELLANT: Olesea McConnell
DOCKET NO.: 21-04476.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-17-214-013

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Olesea McConnell, 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 ***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: \$42,270
IMPR.: \$183,152
TOTAL: \$225,422

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 brick exterior construction with 3,988 square feet of living area.¹ The dwelling was constructed in 2007. Features of the home include a basement, central air conditioning, three fireplaces and an 805 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 15,246 square foot site and is located in Lake Zurich, Ela Township, Lake County.²

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on four comparable sales that are located from .06 to .82 of mile

¹ Both parties reported the subject was purchased in October 2018 for a price of \$725,000 or \$181.80 per square feet of living area, including land, which is further supported by the Multiple Listing Service data sheet provided by the board of review.

² The subject's site size is found in the property record card provided by the board of review.

from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 15,056 to 15,280 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of brick exterior construction ranging in size from 3,896 to 4,510 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 2003 to 2006. The comparables each have a basement, three of which are look-out designs. Each comparable has central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 678 to 778 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from June 2020 to January 2021 for prices ranging from \$595,000 to \$615,000 or from \$135.25 to \$152.72 per square foot of living area, including land. The appellant also revealed that the subject was purchased in October 2018 for \$725,000 or \$181.80 per square foot of living area, including land.

Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$194,063, which would reflect a market value of \$582,247 or \$146.00 per square foot of living area, including land, when using 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 \$237,528. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$714,370 or \$179.13 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 that are located from .17 of a mile to 1.69 miles from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 12,490 to 18,730 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 3,451 to 4,453 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 2006 to 2012. The comparables each have a basement, one of which is a walk-out design. Each comparable has central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 640 to 783 square feet of building area. The comparables sold in June or July 2021 for prices ranging from \$700,000 to \$865,000 or from \$177.26 to \$202.84 per square foot of living area, including land.

The board of review disclosed the subject was purchased in October 2018 for \$725,000 or \$181.80 per square foot of living area, including land and submitted a copy of the Multiple Listing Service data sheet indicating the property had been listed on the market for 11 days prior to the sale.

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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

As an initial matter, the Board has given less weight to the subject's sale in 2018, which occurred 26 months prior to the assessment date issue, and is thus less likely to be indicative of the subject's market value as of January 1, 2021.

The record contains eight suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board has given less weight to the appellant's comparable #1, as well as board of review comparables #2, #3 and #4 due to differences from the subject in dwelling size or their location is more than one mile away from the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparables #2, #3 and #4, along with board of review comparable #1, which are overall more similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, design, age and some features. These four comparables sold from June 2020 to June 2021 for prices ranging from \$595,000 to \$700,000 or from \$142.23 to \$177.26 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$714,370 or \$179.13 per square foot of living area, including land, which is greater than the best comparable sales in the record both in terms of overall market value and on a price per square foot basis. After considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's estimated market value reflected by its assessment is excessive. Therefore, based on this record the Board finds a 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:

December 19, 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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