



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

APPELLANT: Kevin Blitz
DOCKET NO.: 22-01517.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-32-313-044

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Kevin Blitz, the appellant, by attorney Ronald Kingsley, of Lake County Real Estate Tax Appeal, LLC in Hawthorn Woods; 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: \$55,238
IMPR.: \$126,828
TOTAL: \$182,066

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 2022 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 2,242 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1986. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a 418 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 14,375 square foot site¹ 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 from 0.18 of a mile to 1.13 miles from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 9,209 to 12,118 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings ranging in size from

¹ The Board finds the only source of the subject's site size was found in the Multiple Listing Service sheet associated with a 2012 sale of the subject property which was submitted by the board of review.

2,119 to 2,335 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1973 to 1988. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a garage ranging in size from 484 to 594 square feet of building area. The properties sold from December 2021 to June 2022 for prices ranging from \$485,000 to \$739,000 or from \$207.71 to \$337.91 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's total assessment be reduced to \$153,188 which reflects a market value of \$459,610 or \$205.00 per square foot of living area, land included, 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 \$182,066. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$546,253 or \$243.65 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.²

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales located from 0.18 of a mile to 1.13 miles from the subject property. Board of review comparables #2 and #4 are the same properties as the appellant's comparables #3 and #1, respectively. The comparables have sites that range in size from 9,210 to 12,120 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings of wood siding or brick and wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,119 to 2,457 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1958 to 1988 with comparable #1 having an effective age of 1986. Three comparables have an unfinished basement and one has a concrete slab foundation. Each dwelling has central air conditioning and a garage ranging in size from 441 to 602 square feet of building area. Two homes each have one fireplace. The properties sold from April 2021 to June 2022 for prices ranging from \$545,000 to \$739,000 or from \$238.30 to \$337.91 per square foot of living area, land included.

The board of review submitted a copy of the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) sheet associated with the 2012 short sale of the subject which disclosed the property has a finished basement and a 0.33-acre site size, which was not refuted by the appellant. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the subject's assessment be confirmed.

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.

² Procedural rule Sec. 1910.50(c)(1) provides that in all counties other than Cook, the three-year county wide assessment level as certified by the Department of Revenue will be considered. 86 Ill.Admin.Code Sec. 1910.50(c)(1). As of the development of this Final Administrative Decision, the Department of Revenue has not published figures for tax year 2022.

The record contains five comparable sales for the Board's consideration, as two properties were common to both parties. The Board finds the parties' comparables are similar to the subject in design, dwelling size and some other features but present varying degrees of similarity to the subject in location, age and foundation type. These properties sold from April 2021 to June 2022 for prices ranging from \$485,000 to \$739,000 or from \$207.71 to \$337.91 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$546,253 or \$243.65 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. After considering appropriate adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds the subject's assessment is justified and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not 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: March 26, 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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