



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

APPELLANT: Kate Stoller
DOCKET NO.: 23-01375.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-10-316-017

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Kate Stoller, 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: \$55,055
IMPR.: \$156,733
TOTAL: \$211,788

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 2023 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 2-story dwelling of brick exterior construction with 3,887 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1961, is approximately 62 years old, and has a reported effective age of 1968 or 55 years old. Features of the home include a concrete slab foundation, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a 528 square foot garage. The property has a 16,793 square foot site and is located in Highland Park, Moraine 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 within 0.78 of a mile from the subject. The parcels range in size from 12,672 to 23,052 square feet of land area and are improved with 1-story or 2-story homes ranging in size from 3,316 to 3,830 square feet of living area. The dwellings range in age from 30 to 99 years old. Two homes each have a basement.

Each home has central air conditioning, one or four fireplaces,¹ and a garage ranging in size from 288 to 1,050 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from February 2022 to June 2023 for prices ranging from \$381,500 to \$780,000 or from \$115.05 to \$203.66 per square foot of living area, including land.

Based on this evidence, the appellants 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 \$211,788. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$635,428 or \$163.48 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 two comparable sales located within 0.20 of a mile from the subject. Comparable #1 is the same sale as the appellant's comparable #3 described above. Comparable #2 is located 0.20 of a mile from the subject and has a 15,311 square foot site that is improved with a 2-story home with 3,679 square feet of living area. This home is 96 years old and features a basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces, and a 399 square foot garage. Comparable #2 sold in July 2022 for a price of \$750,000 or \$203.86 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 appellants contend 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. Adm. 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. Adm. Code §1910.65(c). The Board finds the appellants did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The record contains a total of four comparable sales, with one common sale, for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellants' comparables #1 and #2, due to substantial differences from the subject in design and/or dwelling size.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellants' comparable #3/board of review's comparable #1 and the board of review's comparable #2, which sold proximate in time to the assessment date and are similar to the subject in design, dwelling size, location, site size, and some features, although these homes are substantially older than the subject and feature a basement unlike the subject, suggesting adjustments to these comparables would be needed to make them more equivalent to the subject. These most similar comparables sold for prices of \$750,000 and \$780,000 or \$203.86 and \$203.66 per square foot of living area, including land,

¹ The board of review reported comparable #3, which is common to both parties, has four fireplaces.

² Section 1910.50(c)(1) of the Board's procedural rules 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. Adm. Code § 1910.50(c)(1). As of the development of this Final Administrative Decision, the Department of Revenue has not published figures for tax year 2023.

respectively. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$635,428 or \$163.48 per square foot of living area, including land, which is below 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: _____

October 15, 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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