

FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Darrell and Kristin Vetter

DOCKET NO.: 24-00792.001-R-1

PARCEL NO.: 19-09-08-477-018-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Darrell and Kristin Vetter, the appellants, by attorney Jabari Jackson, of O'Keefe Lyons & Hynes, LLC in Chicago; and the Will 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 **Will** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$34,523 **IMPR.:** \$102,514 **TOTAL:** \$137,037

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellants timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Will County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2024 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 dwelling of brick exterior construction with 1,652 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1994 and is 30 years old. Features of the home include central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a 528 square foot garage. The property has a 13,651 square foot site and is located in Mokena, Frankfort Township, Will County.

The appellants contend overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellants submitted information on seven comparable sales. The comparables consist of 1-story or 1.5-story dwellings of brick or frame exterior construction ranging in size from 1,590 to 2,307 square feet of living area. The homes range in age from 32 to 65 years old. Each dwelling has central air conditioning and a garage ranging in size from 280 to 594 square feet of building area. Three comparables each have a basement. The parcels range in size from 9,545 to 26,342 square

feet of land area. The comparables sold from January to July 2023 for prices ranging from \$335,000 to \$438,200 or from \$154.24 to \$210.69 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellants requested a reduced assessment of \$102,722, for an estimated market value of \$308,197 or \$186.56 per square foot of living area, including land, 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 \$137,037. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$411,152 or \$248.88 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.¹

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on six comparable sales. The comparables consist of tri-level dwellings of brick or frame exterior construction ranging in size from 1,001 to 1,530 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1977 to 1993. Each dwelling has central air conditioning and a garage ranging in size from 473 to 1,131 square feet of building area. Three comparables each have a basement. The parcels range in size from 7,512 to 11,209 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from September 2023 to August 2024 for prices ranging from \$355,000 to \$435,000 or from \$280.03 to \$354.65 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. 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 appellants did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted a total of 13 comparable sales to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board gives less weight to the comparables submitted by the appellants, as well as board of review comparables #4, #5, and #6, which differ from the subject in age, design, and/or dwelling size.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be board of review comparable sales #1, #2, and #3, which sold proximate to the assessment date at issue and are similar to the subject in age, design, dwelling size, and some features. These most similar comparables sold in June and August 2024 for prices ranging from \$415,000 to \$435,000 or from \$280.03 to \$287.11 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$411,152 or \$248.88 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

1 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 III Admin Code

assessment level as certified by the Department of Revenue will be considered. 86 Ill. Admin. Code \$1910.50(c)(1). Prior to the drafting of this decision, the Department of Revenue has yet to publish figures for tax year 2024.

considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to 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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| 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 21, 2025 |
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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.

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