



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

APPELLANT: Merle & Carol Huff  
DOCKET NO.: 07-01050.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 14-22-351-010

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Merle & Carol Huff, the appellants, by attorney Clyde B. Hendricks in Peoria, and the Peoria County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds no change in the assessment of the property as established by the Peoria County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND: \$ 2,560**  
**IMPR: \$ 16,140**  
**TOTAL: \$ 18,700**

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**ANALYSIS**

The subject property consists of a one-story concrete block dwelling with a finished attic containing 784 square feet of living area that was built in 1920. Features include an unfinished basement.

The appellants submitted evidence before the Property Tax Appeal Board claiming overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this claim, the appellants submitted three comparable sales. The comparables are located in different assessment neighborhood codes than the subject as defined by the local assessor. In addition the comparables proximate location in relation to the subject was not disclosed. The comparables consist of one-story frame dwellings that were built from 1930 to 1954 and range in size from 625 to 740 square feet of living area. Two comparables have unfinished basements and one comparable has a concrete slab foundation. One comparable has central air conditioning. The comparables sold from February and April 2007 for prices ranging from \$29,980 to \$40,000 or from \$40.54 to \$58.82 square 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" wherein the subject's assessment of \$18,700 was disclosed. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$56,291 or \$71.80 per square foot of living area including land using Peoria County's 2007 three-year median level of assessments of 33.22%.

In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review submitted property record cards, a location map and a market analysis of three comparable sales. The comparables are located in close proximity and within the subject's assessment neighborhood code as defined by the local assessor. The comparables consist of one-story frame dwellings that were built from 1910 to 1930 and contain from 726 to 950 square feet of living area. The comparables have unfinished basements, central air conditioning and a garage. The comparables sold from April 2005 to July 2007 for prices ranging from \$62,000 to \$70,000 or from \$73.68 to \$92.98 per square of living area including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

In rebuttal, the appellants submitted Multiple Listing Sheets for the comparable sales submitted by the board of review. The appellants argued the comparables have updated features and are in superior condition when compared to the subject. In addition, the appellants indicated comparable 1 sold in 2006 for \$37,500. The appellants also argued it is unfair to compare owner occupied dwellings to a rental dwelling, but failed to identify which comparables are owner occupied or rental dwellings.

After reviewing the record and considering the evidence, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal. The Board further finds no reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The appellants argued the subject property is overvalued. When market value is the basis of the appeal, the value must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. Winnebago County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 313 Ill. App. 3d 179, 183, 728 N.E.2d 1256 (2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. 2000). After an analysis of the evidence, the Board finds the appellants have not overcome this burden.

The record contains six suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to the comparables submitted by the appellants. The appellants' comparables are located in different neighborhood codes than the subject and the appellants failed to disclose the proximate location of the comparables in relation to the subject, which detracts from the weight of the evidence. In addition, comparable 1 has a concrete slab foundation, unlike the subject. The Board also gave less weight to comparable 2 submitted by the board of review. This comparable sold in 2005, which is considered dated and less indicative of the subject's market value as of the subject's January 1, 2007 assessment date. The

Property Tax Appeal Board finds the two remaining comparables submitted by the board of review are most similar to the subject in location, age, size, design, and features. They sold for \$62,000 and \$70,000 or \$73.68 and \$84.24 per square of living area including land. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$56,291 or \$71.80 per square foot of living area including land, which is less than the two most similar comparable sales contained in this record. After considering adjustments to the comparables for any differences when compared to the subject, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is supported and no reduction 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.

*Ronald R. Cuit*

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*Frank A. Huff*

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Member

DISSENTING:

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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 3, 2010

*Allen Castrovillari*

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 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 the subsequent year 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.

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.