



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

APPELLANT: Zeb Gardner
DOCKET NO.: 07-01910.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 13-13-180-009

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Zeb Gardner, the appellant, 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: \$3,770
IMPR.: \$22,320
TOTAL: \$26,090

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property consists of a 39 year-old, one-story, ranch style frame dwelling that contains 903 square feet of living area. Features of the home include a full unfinished basement and a carport.

The appellant submitted evidence to the Property Tax Appeal Board claiming overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted multiple listing sheets and a grid analysis of three comparable properties, two of which are located in the same assessor's assigned neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables consist of ranch style dwellings that were built in 1968 or 1978 and range in size from 875 to 1,008 square feet of living area. All three comparables have central air conditioning, two have full unfinished basements and two have two-car garages. These properties sold between October 2005 and September 2007 for prices ranging from \$56,000 to \$68,000 or from \$60.51 to \$77.71 per square foot of living area including land. The appellant's grid indicated the subject

contains 875 square feet of living area, but the subject's property record card, submitted by both the appellant and the board of review, depicted the subject as containing 903 square feet. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$20,000, reflecting a market value of approximately \$60,000.

The board of review submitted its Board of Review Notes on Appeal wherein the subject's total assessment of \$26,090 was disclosed. The subject has an estimated market value of \$78,537 or \$86.97 per square foot of living area including land, as reflected by its assessment and Peoria County's 2007 three-year median level of assessments of 33.22%.

In support of the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment, the board of review submitted property record cards and a grid analysis of three comparable properties, two of which are located in the same assessor's assigned neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables consist of ranch style dwellings that were built between 1968 and 1970 and range in size from 875 to 953 square feet of living area. Features of the comparables include central air conditioning, garages that contain from 300 to 484 square feet of building area and full basements, two of which have finished areas of 701 and 800 square feet. These properties sold between March and June 2006 for prices ranging from \$87,900 to \$95,500 or from \$98.64 to \$105.76 per square foot of living area including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the subject's assessment be confirmed.

In written rebuttal, the appellant argued the board of review's comparables have features not enjoyed by the subject.

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 Property Tax Appeal Board further finds no reduction in the subject property's assessment is warranted.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. When market value is the basis of the appeal, the value must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. National City Bank of Michigan/Illinois v. Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board, 331 Ill.App.3d 1038 (3rd Dist. 2002). After analyzing the market evidence submitted, the Board finds the appellant has failed to meet this burden.

The Board finds the parties submitted six comparables for its consideration. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparable 3 because its slab foundation differed from the subject's full basement. The Board finds the remaining comparables were similar to the subject in design, exterior construction, age, size and most features, and sold for prices ranging from \$60.51 to \$105.76 per square foot of living area including land. The subject's estimated market value as

reflected by its assessment of \$86.97 per square foot of living area including land falls within this range. While the board of review's comparables have some features not enjoyed by the subject, the properties' higher sales prices when compared to the subject's estimated market value appear to reflect the comparables' superior amenities. After considering adjustments and differences in both parties' comparables when compared to the subject, the Board finds the evidence in the record supports the subject's assessment 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.

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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: June 18, 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.