



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

APPELLANT: Ron & Leanna Ludwig
DOCKET NO.: 08-01958.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-35-302-037

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Ron & Leanna Ludwig, 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: \$ 1,380
IMPR.: \$ 7,750
TOTAL: \$ 9,130

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property is improved with a one-story dwelling of frame construction containing 1,006 square feet of living area including a finished area in the attic. The dwelling was built in 1920. Features of the home include a garage.

The appellants submitted evidence before the Property Tax Appeal Board claiming overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of the claim the appellants submitted information on three comparable properties. The appellants' comparables consist of one-story or two-story frame dwellings. They were built from 1916 to 1930. They contain 540 to 980 square feet of living area. One has a basement and central air conditioning, and two have garages. The comparables sold in March or April 2007 for \$10,000 to \$25,500 or \$18.52 to \$26.34 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" wherein the subject's assessment of \$9,130 was disclosed. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$27,558 or \$27.39 per square foot of living area including land using Peoria County's 2008 three-year median level of assessments of 33.13%.

In support of the subject's assessment the board of review presented descriptions and sale price information on three comparable properties. They consist of one-story frame dwellings, one of which has a finished attic area, that were built from 1919 to 1928. The dwellings have 868 to 1,344 square feet of living area. All have basements, and two have garages and central air conditioning. The board of review's comparables sold from May 2007 to March 2008 for \$24,000 to \$38,900 or for \$27.65 to \$43.61 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

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 a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The appellants argued the subject 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 (2nd Dist. 2000). After an analysis of the evidence, the Board finds the appellants have not met this burden.

The record contains six suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The appellants' comparable #1 is of a different design than the subject. The appellants' comparable #3 and the board of review's comparable #1 have living areas much smaller and much larger than the subject, respectively. The remaining three comparables are generally similar to the subject, although they have basements not enjoyed by the subject and two have central air conditioning. These three comparables had selling prices that ranged from \$24,000 to \$38,900 or \$26.34 to \$43.61 per square foot of living area including land. The subject's estimated market value of \$27,558 or \$27.39 per square foot of living area including land is well within the range of those comparables. After considering the evidence the Board finds the appellants have not proven by a preponderance of the evidence that the subject is overvalued 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: 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.