



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

APPELLANT: David & Patricia Coutre'
DOCKET NO.: 10-03761.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 09-21-401-052

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are David & Patricia Coutre', the appellants; and the DuPage County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds a reduction in the assessment of the property as established by the DuPage County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$76,190
IMPR: \$73,690
TOTAL: \$149,880

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property is improved with a two-story single family dwelling of brick and frame construction that contains 2,740 square feet of living area. The dwelling is 20 years old. Features of the home include a full, partially finished basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace and an attached 3-car garage. The property is located in Darien, Downers Grove Township, DuPage County.

The appellants submitted evidence before the Property Tax Appeal Board claiming overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. The evidentiary documentation to support overvaluation claim consists of three suggested comparables located in the same neighborhood as the subject. The comparables are two-story brick or brick and frame dwellings that were either 16 or 17 years old. Two comparables had full or partial finished basements, air conditioning and a 3-car or 4-car garage. The comparables contain from 3,260 to 4,020 square feet of living area. The comparables sold from March to November of 2009 for prices ranging from \$550,000 to \$660,000 or from \$168.71 to \$184.16 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's

assessment of \$197,550 reflects a market value of \$593,600 or \$216.64 per square foot of living area, including land, using the 2010 three-year average median level of assessments for DuPage County of 32.28% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue. Based on this evidence, the appellants requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to \$149,881 to reflect a market value of \$450,364 or \$164.37 per square foot of living area, including land.

The board of review did not timely submit its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" and evidence in support of the assessed valuation of the subject property.

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 the evidence in the record supports a reduction in the subject's assessment.

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. National City Bank of Michigan/Illinois v. Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board, 331 Ill.App.3d 1038 (3rd Dist. 2002). 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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value in the record is the comparable sales submitted by the appellants. The Board finds the subject's assessment reflects a per square foot market value greater than the comparable sales presented by the appellants. The Board placed greater weight on comparables #2 and #3 based on location, exterior construction, size and/or basement finish. The board of review did not timely submit any evidence in support of the assessment of the subject property or to refute the appellants' argument as required by section 1910.40(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board and is found to be in default pursuant to section 1910.69(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board. (86 Ill. Adm. Code 1910.40(a) & 1910.69(a)). Based on this record the Property Tax Appeal Board finds the subject's assessment reflects a per square foot market value that is in excess of the per square foot market values submitted in this record and a reduction in the subject's assessment commensurate with the appellants' request is justified.

As a result of this analysis, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds the appellants have adequately demonstrated that the subject dwelling was overvalued by a preponderance of the evidence herein and a 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.

Donald R. Cuit

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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 21, 2012

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.