



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

APPELLANT: Ross Posner
DOCKET NO.: 11-03057.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-16-402-005

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Ross Posner, the appellant, by attorney Leonard Schiller, of Schiller Klein, PC, Chicago; and the Lake 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 **Lake** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$ 58,752
IMPR: \$ 81,248
TOTAL: \$140,000

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Lake County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2011 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 style dwelling of brick and frame construction with 2,966 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1964. Features of the home include a full unfinished basement, central air

conditioning, a fireplace and a 462 square foot attached garage. The property has 12,000 square foot of land area and is located in West Deerfield Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on three comparable sales with varying degrees of similarity and dissimilarity when compared to the subject. The comparables sold from September 2009 to January 2011 for prices ranging from \$370,000 to \$414,600 or from \$119.97 to \$143.66 per square foot of living area including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessed valuation.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$153,833. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$474,500 or \$159.98 per square foot of living area including land when applying the 2011 three-year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 32.42% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four comparables sales with varying degrees of similarity and dissimilarity when compared to the subject. The comparables sold from January 2010 to May 2011 for prices ranging from \$396,000 to \$600,000 or from \$156.70 to \$200.18 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 appellant contends 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 appellant met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The parties submitted seven suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to comparables #1 and #3 submitted by the appellant. Comparable #1 does not have a basement, inferior to the subject, and

comparable #3 is a two-story dwelling, unlike the subject's tri-level design. The Board gave less weight to comparables #2 through #4 submitted by the board of review due to their dissimilar dwelling sizes when compared to the subject. The Board finds appellant's comparable sale #2 and board of review comparable sale #1 are most similar when compared to the subject in location, style, age, size and most features. These comparables sold for prices of \$396,000 and \$414,000 or \$132.50 and \$159.23 per square foot of living area including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$474,500 or \$159.98 per square foot of living area including land, which is above the values established by the most similar comparable sales contained in this record. Based on this evidence the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is 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.



Chairman



Member



Member



Member



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: July 18, 2014



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.