



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

APPELLANT: Javier Sajuan
DOCKET NO.: 17-01937.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 04-28-306-013

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Javier Sajuan, the appellant, by attorney Ronald Kingsley, of Lake County Real Estate Tax Appeal, LLC in Lake Forest; and the Lake County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented in this matter, 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: \$11,780
IMPR.: \$53,983
TOTAL: \$65,763

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 2017 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 two-story dwelling of wood siding exterior construction with 2,168 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2006. Features of the home include a full unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a 484 square foot attached garage. The property has a 28,800 square foot site and is located in Beach Park, Benton 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 located within .75 of a mile of the subject. The comparables are described as two-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,138 to 2,268 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed in 2003 and 2007 and have sites ranging in size from 6,969 to 38,836 square feet of land area. Each comparable has a full unfinished basement, central air conditioning and a garage

ranging in size from 462 to 697 square feet of building area. Two comparables each have one fireplace. The comparables sold from January 2016 to January 2017 for prices ranging from \$170,000 to \$195,000 or from \$79.25 to \$91.21 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's total assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$68,428. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$206,419 or \$95.21 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2017 three-year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.15% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review submitted information on three comparable sales located from .714 of a mile to 1.221 miles from the subject. The comparables are described as two-story dwellings of wood or vinyl siding exterior construction ranging in size from 1,818 to 2,068 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 1988 to 1993 and have sites ranging in size from 6,969 to 24,418 square feet of land area. Features of each comparable include a full unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a garage ranging in size from 528 to 624 square feet of building area. The comparables sold in June and November 2016 for prices ranging from \$173,900 to \$205,000 or from \$95.65 to \$108.35 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested that the subject property's assessment be confirmed.

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 Board finds the parties submitted six comparable sales to support their respective positions. The Board gave less weight to the board of review comparables as they are older dwellings with less living area when compared to the subject. Furthermore, comparables #2 and #3 are located over 1 mile from the subject. The Board finds the best evidence of the subject's market value to be the appellant's comparables. These comparables are more similar to the subject in location, design, dwelling size, age and features. They sold from January 2016 to January 2017 for prices ranging from \$170,000 to \$195,000 or from \$79.25 to \$91.21 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$206,419 or \$95.21 per square foot of living area, including land which falls above the value range established by the best comparable sales in the record. After considering necessary adjustments to the comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is excessive. Based on this record, the Board finds the appellant proved by a preponderance of the evidence that the subject was overvalued. Therefore, 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. Pursuant to Section 1910.50(d) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.50(d)) the proceeding before the Property Tax Appeal Board is terminated when the decision is rendered. The Property Tax Appeal Board does not require any motion or request for reconsideration.



Chairman



Member



Member



Member



Member

DISSENTING: _____

CERTIFICATION

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: April 21, 2020



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 or years of the same general assessment period, as provided in Sections 9-125 through 9-225, 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 such subsequent year or years 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 OR YEARS. A separate petition and evidence must be filed for each of the remaining years of the general assessment period.

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.

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