



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

APPELLANT: Nataraj Bhaskar  
DOCKET NO.: 17-02699.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 15-28-311-013

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Nataraj Bhaskar, 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 **no change** 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:** \$49,857  
**IMPR.:** \$117,854  
**TOTAL:** \$167,711

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 2,375 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1985. Features of the home include an unfinished partial basement, central air conditioning and a 440 square foot garage. The property has a 14,636 square foot site and is located in Buffalo Grove, Vernon 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 in the same neighborhood as the subject property. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 9,627 to 13,525 square feet of land area. The comparables consist of two-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction containing 2,220 or 2,279 square feet of living area that were constructed in either 1986 or 1988. Each comparable features a full or partial basement with finished area, central air

conditioning, one fireplace and a 440 or 483 square foot garage. The comparables sold from July 2016 to April 2017 for prices ranging from \$395,000 to \$457,500 or from \$173.32 to \$202.70 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$167,711. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$505,916 or \$213.02 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 its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales located in the same neighborhood as the subject property. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 7,245 to 11,613 square feet of land area. The comparables were improved with two-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,252 to 2,422 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 1984 to 1990. Each comparable features a full or partial basement with finished area, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a 420 or 483 square foot garage. The comparables sold from August 2016 to September 2017 for prices ranging from \$485,000 to \$512,000 or from \$200.25 to \$227.35 per square foot of living area, including land. The board of review provided property record cards of the subject and its comparables. 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 did not meet this burden of proof and no reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The parties submitted seven suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gave reduced weight to the appellant's comparable sale #1 which appears to be an outlier as it sold for a price of \$395,000 or \$173.32 per square foot of living area, land included, significantly below the remaining comparable sales in the record.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the six remaining comparables submitted by the parties. These comparables were similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, design and age. Each comparable was superior to the subject in that each has a fireplace and finished basement area but inferior to the subject in that they each have smaller site sizes. The comparables sold from July 2016 to September 2017 for prices ranging from \$450,000 to \$512,000 or from \$200.25 to \$227.35 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$505,916 or \$213.02 per square foot of living area, land included, which falls within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. After considering any necessary adjustments to the comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the estimated market value as reflected by the

assessment is supported. Based on this record, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate by a preponderance of the evidence that the subject was overvalued and no 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: June 16, 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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