



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

APPELLANT: Jun Sota
DOCKET NO.: 17-02760.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-31-203-016

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jun Sota, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld, of Robert H. Rosenfeld and Associates, LLC in Chicago; 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: \$59,980
IMPR.: \$127,234
TOTAL: \$187,214

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 tri-level dwelling of brick exterior construction with 2,876 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1974. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 484 square foot attached garage. The property is located in Deerfield, West Deerfield Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on three equity comparables located within .40 of a mile of the subject. The comparables are described as tri-level dwellings of brick exterior construction ranging in size from 2,198 to 2,518 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1965 to 1969. The comparables each have a basement, with one having finished area; central air conditioning; one fireplace and a 441 or a 460 square foot garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$71,872

to \$88,731 or from \$28.55 to \$36.72 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$190,519. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$130,539 or \$45.39 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables located within .394 of a mile of the subject. The comparables consist of tri-level dwellings of brick exterior construction ranging in size from 2,639 to 3,181 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 1964 to 1968. The comparables each have a basement, with one having finished area; central air conditioning; one or two fireplaces and a 460 or a 462 square foot garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$118,484 to \$151,707 or from \$43.39 to \$47.69 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

Conclusion of Law

The appellant contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. When unequal treatment in the assessment process is the basis of the appeal, the inequity of the assessments must be proved by clear and convincing evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of unequal treatment in the assessment process should consist of documentation of the assessments for the assessment year in question of not less than three comparable properties showing the similarity, proximity and lack of distinguishing characteristics of the assessment comparables to the subject property. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(b). The Board finds the appellant met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The parties submitted seven equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparable #1 and board of review comparable #2 because both have finished basement area unlike the subject. The Board also gave less weight to the appellant's comparable #3 which has a smaller dwelling size when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the appellant's comparable #2 along with board of review comparables #1, #3 and #4. These comparables are similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, design, age and features. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$35.24 to \$44.90 per square foot of living area. The subject has an improvement assessment of \$45.39 per square foot of living area, which falls above the per square foot range established by the best comparables in the record. After considering adjustments to the comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's improvement assessment is not supported.

Based on this record, the Board finds the appellant demonstrated with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and 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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