



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

APPELLANT: Steven Sabath
DOCKET NO.: 18-01908.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-36-307-021

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Steven Sabath, the appellant(s), 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 **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: \$99,863
IMPR.: \$112,100
TOTAL: \$211,963

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 2018 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 brick exterior construction with 2,598 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1964. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a 621 square foot garage. The property has a 20,927 square foot site and is located in Highland Park, Moraine 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 0.28 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 12,514 to 13,425 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings of brick exterior construction that range in size from 2,392 to 2,729 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1963 to 1966. Each comparable has a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, one or two

fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 483 to 621 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from July 2016 to June 2018 for prices ranging from \$350,000 to \$570,000 or from \$136.77 to \$219.48 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$163,131.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$211,963. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$640,759 or \$246.64 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2018 three year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.08% 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 within approximately 0.82 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 10,601 to 13,854 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings of brick exterior construction that range in size from 2,380 to 2,729 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1952 to 1979. Each comparable has a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 462 to 552 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from May 2016 to December 2017 for prices ranging from \$650,000 to \$690,000 or from \$239.10 to \$289.92 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the subject'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 did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted seven comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparable #1 which appears to be an outlier based on sale price per square foot relative to other comparable sales in the record. The Board gave reduced weight to appellant comparable #2 along with board of review comparables #1 and #4. These sales occurred in May, June or July 2016, which are dated and less indicative of fair market value as of the subject's January 1, 2018 assessment date. The Board gave little weight to board of review comparable sale #2 which is 15 years newer in age when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellant's comparable #3 and board of review comparable #3 which have varying degrees of similarity to the subject in terms of location, lot size, age, dwelling size and features. These two comparables sold in December 2017 and May 2018 for prices ranging from \$570,000 and \$652,500 or \$208.87 and \$239.10 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$640,759 or \$246.64 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range of overall value and above the range of price per square foot established by the best comparable sales in this record. After considering adjustments to the comparable properties for differences

with the subject in site size and finished basement, the Board finds the preponderance of evidence in the record supports the subject's assessment and a reduction is not 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: September 15, 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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