



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

APPELLANT: Robert Szurgot
DOCKET NO.: 18-02341.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-20-101-024

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Robert Szurgot, 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: \$34,632
IMPR.: \$137,721
TOTAL: \$172,353

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 2.0-story dwelling of brick exterior construction with 3,134 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1985. Features of the home include a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 650 square foot garage. The property has a 44,431 square foot site and is located in Long 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 six comparable sales located within 0.39 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 43,560 to 45,738 square feet of land area and are improved with 2.0-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction that range in size from 2,586 to 3,530 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1985 to 1987. Each comparable has a basement, four with finished area, central air

conditioning and a garage ranging in size from 462 to 704 square feet of building area. Five comparables each have one fireplace. Comparable #4 features an inground swimming pool. The comparables sold from June 2015 to November 2017 for prices ranging from \$427,500 to \$560,000 or for \$139.86 to \$216.55 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$156,685.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$172,353. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$521,019 or \$166.25 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 0.29 of a mile from the subject property. Board of review comparable #3 was also submitted by the appellant as comparable #4. The comparables have sites that range in size from 44,867 to 46,609 square feet of land area and are improved with a 1.5-story and four, 2.0-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction that range in size from 2,934 to 3,513 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1984 to 1988. Each comparable has a basement, one with finished area, central air conditioning, one to three fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 704 to 866 square feet of building area. Comparables #3 and #4 each have an inground swimming pool. The comparables sold from April 2017 to August 2018 for prices ranging from \$487,000 to \$600,000 or for \$156.04 to \$204.50 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 record contains nine comparables for the Board's consideration as one comparable was common to both parties. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparables #1, #2, #3 and #5 as their 2015 or 2016 sales are dated and less likely to be indicative of the subject's fair market value as of January 1, 2018. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparable #4/board of review #3 and board of review #4 which have inground swimming pools that the subject lacks. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparable #6 due to its dissimilar dwelling size compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be board of review comparable sales #1 and #2 which are similar to the subject in terms of location, age, dwelling and site size. These two comparables also sold more proximate in time to the assessment date at issue, however, each has an unfinished basement compared to the subject's finished basement. These two comparables sold in August and April 2017 for prices of \$565,000 and \$487,000 or \$160.83 and

\$156.04 per square foot of living area, including land, respectively. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$521,019 or \$166.25 per square foot of living area, including land, which is bracketed by the sale prices and slightly above the per square foot values of the two best comparables in this record. After considering adjustments to the comparables for differences with the subject, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment 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: December 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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