



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

APPELLANT: John Heidmann
DOCKET NO.: 19-04290.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-30-102-018

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are John Heidmann, 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: \$52,449
IMPR.: \$181,194
TOTAL: \$233,643

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 2019 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 3,758 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1986 and has an effective age of 1991. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and an attached garage with 864 square feet building area. The property also contains an additional detached garage with 594 square feet of building area. The property has a 64,469 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 four comparable sales located within 0.84 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 44,431 to 58,740 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings of brick or brick and frame exterior construction that range in size from 3,321 to 4,426 square feet of living area. The dwellings

were built from 1979 to 1994. Each comparable has a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, one or three fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 714 to 770 square feet of building area. Comparable #4 also features an inground swimming pool and bath house. The properties sold from April 2018 to August 2019 for prices ranging from \$585,000 to \$780,000 or from \$166.19 to \$188.16 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$222,952 which reflects a market value of \$668,923 or \$178.00 per square foot of living area, land included, when applying the statutory assessment level of 33.33%.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$233,643. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$710,377 or \$189.03 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2019 three year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 32.89% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on three comparable sales located within 0.55 of a mile from the subject property. Board of review comparables #2 and #3 are the same properties as the appellant's comparables #3 and #4, respectively. The comparables have sites that range in size from 44,430 to 51,840 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings of brick, wood siding or brick and wood siding exterior construction that range in size from 3,321 to 3,800 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1979 to 1994. Each comparable has a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 714 to 1,056 square feet of building area. Comparable #3 also features an inground swimming pool and bath house. The properties sold from April 2018 to August 2019 for prices ranging from \$600,000 to \$715,000 or from \$180.67 to \$208.00 per square foot of living area, land included.¹ 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 five comparable sales for the Board's consideration as two of the properties were common to both parties. The Board gives less weight to the appellant comparables #2 and #4/board of review comparable #3 which have a larger dwelling size and/or feature an inground swimming pool and bath house, which the subject lacks.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the remaining comparables which are more similar to the subject in location, age, design, dwelling size and most features. However,

¹ The board of review grid depicts its comparable #3 as having a December 2019 sale date. The appellant submitted the Multiple Listing Service sheet on this property which shows a closing date of August 2019.

each of these comparables has a smaller site size, a finished basement and lacks an additional, when compared to the subject's site size, unfinished basement and 594 square foot detached garage. These comparables sold from April 2018 to July 2019 for prices ranging from \$585,000 to \$702,000 or from \$166.19 to \$208.00 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$710,377 or \$189.03 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls above the range on an overall basis and within the range on a per square foot basis established by the best comparable sales in this record. Given the subject's larger site size and additional garage feature, a value above the range appears to be justified. After considering upward and downward adjustments to the comparables for differences from 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: November 16, 2021



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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