



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

APPELLANT: Giuliano Lopez
DOCKET NO.: 19-04439.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 06-17-406-040

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Giuliano Lopez, the appellant, by attorney Brian S. Maher, of Weis, DuBrock, Doody & Maher 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: \$5,916
IMPR.: \$33,984
TOTAL: \$39,900

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 1.5-story dwelling of vinyl siding exterior construction with 1,314 square feet of living area. The dwelling was built in 1938 and has effective age of 1965. Features of the home include a crawl space foundation and a 324 square foot garage. The property has a 7,500 square foot site and is located in Riverwoods, Vernon 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 five equity comparables located within the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are improved with 1.5-story dwellings of vinyl siding exterior construction ranging in size from 1,256 to 1,320 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1920 to 1949. Comparable #5 has an effective age of 1943. Four comparables have crawl space foundations,

one comparable has a basement, two comparables have central air conditioning, and one comparable has 528 square foot garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$25,319 to \$27,733 or from \$19.86 to \$22.01 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 \$39,900. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$33,984 or \$25.86 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on five equity comparables located within the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are described as 1.5-story dwellings of wood siding or vinyl siding exterior construction ranging in size from 1,222 to 1,509 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 1946 to 1952. Three comparables have effective ages from 1964 to 1981. Each comparable has a crawl space foundation, four comparables have central air conditioning, and four comparables have garages ranging in size from 572 to 800 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$35,264 to \$38,540 or from \$25.13 to \$28.86 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 did not meet this burden of proof and no reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The parties submitted ten equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparable #1 which has a basement foundation unlike the subject's crawl space foundation. The Board gave less weight to appellant's comparable #2 and board of review comparables #1 and #2 due to their differences in age when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the parties' remaining comparables which are relatively similar to the subject in location, style, age, dwelling size and some features. These comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$25,800 to \$42,982 or from \$19.98 to \$28.86 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$33,984 or \$25.86 per square foot of living area is within the 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 appellant did not prove by clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and 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: January 18, 2022



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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