



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

APPELLANT: Edward Suarez
DOCKET NO.: 19-04603.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-33-404-122

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Edward Suarez, 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 **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: \$29,715
IMPR.: \$68,075
TOTAL: \$97,790

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 townhome of frame exterior construction with 1,802 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1988. Features of the home include a concrete slab foundation, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 397 square foot garage. The property has a 3,080 square foot site and is located in Buffalo 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 0.10 of a mile from the subject property and in the same neighborhood name as the subject. The comparables have sites that range in size from 3,187 to 10,209 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings of frame exterior construction that range in size from 1,802 to 2,002 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built in either 1988 or 1989. Each comparable has central air

conditioning, one fireplace and either a 397 or 420 square foot garage. The properties sold from April 2018 to May 2019 for prices ranging from \$255,000 to \$294,500 or from \$127.37 to \$163.43 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$91,893 which reflects a market value of \$275,707 or \$153.00 per square foot of living area, land included, when applying the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$99,100. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$301,307 or \$167.21 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 0.26 of a mile from the subject property and in the same neighborhood name as the subject. The comparables have sites that range in size from 2,178 to 3,912 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings of frame exterior construction with either 1,802 or 1,932 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1987 to 1995. Two comparables have an unfinished basement. Each comparable has central air conditioning, one fireplace and either a 397 or 420 square foot garage. The properties sold from October 2018 to April 2019 for prices ranging from \$300,000 to \$369,900 or from \$157.87 to \$191.46 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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The parties submitted seven comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #1 and #3 which differ from the subject in site size. The Board also gives reduced weight to the board of review comparables #1 and #2 which have basements in contrast to the subject's slab foundation.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the remaining comparables which are more similar to the subject in location, age, dwelling size and features. These comparables sold from April 2018 to January 2019 for prices ranging from \$293,000 to \$300,000 or from \$147.83 to \$166.48 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$301,307 or \$167.21 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls above the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. After considering adjustments to the comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds 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: February 15, 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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