



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

APPELLANT: Thomas Catullo
DOCKET NO.: 19-04892.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 06-27-304-010

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Thomas Catullo, 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: \$17,001
IMPR.: \$81,013
TOTAL: \$98,014

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 vinyl siding exterior construction with 2,539 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1988. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 552 square foot garage. The property has a 10,890 square foot site and is located in Grayslake, Avon 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 the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables have sites that range in size from 10,450 to 13,070 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of vinyl siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,452 to 2,977 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1988 to 1992 with comparable #6 having a reported effective age

of 1994. The comparables each have a basement, two of which have recreation rooms. Each comparable has central air conditioning, a fireplace and a garage that ranges in size from 516 to 611 square feet of building area. The properties sold from March 2018 to August 2019 for prices ranging from \$270,000 to \$325,000 or from \$93.35 to \$114.60 per square foot of living area, including land. As part of the submission, the appellant provided Multiple Listing Service listing sheets associated with the sales of comparables #3 and #4. Counsel for the appellant noted differences between the comparables and the subject. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$84,625, which would reflect a market value of \$253,900 or \$100.00 per square foot of living area, including land, when using 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 \$98,014. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$298,005 or \$117.37 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 five comparable sales located within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables have sites that range in size from 10,020 to 30,060 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of vinyl siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,330 to 2,840 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1987 to 1989. The comparables each have a basement, four of which have recreation rooms. Each comparable has central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage that ranges in size from 528 to 1,682 square feet of building area. The properties sold from March 2018 to May 2019 for prices ranging from \$322,000 to \$425,180 or from \$117.46 to \$149.71 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

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 eleven suggested comparable properties for the Board's consideration. The Board has given less weight to the appellant's comparables #1, #2, #3 and #5 due their larger dwelling sizes when compared to the subject. The Board has given reduced weight to board of review comparables #1, #2 and #4 due to their larger site sizes when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the parties' remaining comparables, which are overall more similar to the subject in location, lot size, dwelling size, design, age and some features. These properties sold from March 2018 to May 2019 for prices ranging from \$270,000 to \$425,180 or from \$105.88 to \$149.71 per square foot of living area, including land.

The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$298,005 or \$117.37 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls 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 no reduction in the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is warranted.

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: March 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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