



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

APPELLANT: Gary Cohen
DOCKET NO.: 19-05403.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-22-406-050

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Gary Cohen, 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: \$44,754
IMPR.: \$149,940
TOTAL: \$194,694

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 construction with 2,442 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2017. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and an attached 400 square foot garage. The property is located in Lincolnshire, Vernon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on five comparable sales that are located from .97 of a mile to 1.35 miles from the subject and in different neighborhood codes than the subject. Three of the comparables have sites ranging in size from 2,614 to 4,792 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with one-story and two-story townhomes of frame construction containing from 2,023 to 2,846 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1996 to 2004 and have basements, two of which have finished area. Each of the comparables has central

air conditioning, a fireplace and an attached 420 or 441 square foot garage. The comparables sold from March 2018 to March 2019 for prices ranging from \$367,900 to \$440,000 or from \$152.44 to \$181.86 per square foot of living area, including land. The appellant's sales grid disclosed that the subject was purchased in November 2016 for \$583,781 or \$239.06 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence the appellant requested that the subject's assessment be reduced to \$156,272.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$194,694. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$591,955 or \$242.41 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 eight comparable sales that are located from .05 to .14 of a mile from the subject and within the same neighborhood code as the subject. Three of the comparables are also located on the same street as the subject. Four of the comparables have sites ranging in size from 2,670 to 4,465 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with two-story townhomes of brick and frame construction containing 2,442 square feet of living area. The homes were built in 2017 and have unfinished basements. Each of the comparables has central air conditioning, one comparable has a fireplace and each comparable has an attached 400 or 417 square foot garage. The comparables sold from July 2018 to May 2019 for prices ranging from \$490,000 to \$627,812 or from \$200.66 to \$257.09 per square foot of living area, including land. The board of review's sales grid also disclosed that the subject was purchased in November 2016 for \$583,781 or \$239.06 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 parties submitted a total of thirteen comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables due to their differences in location and age, when compared to the subject. In addition, the appellant's comparables #2 and #3 are dissimilar one-story style townhomes, when compared to the subject's two-story style, and the appellant's comparables #2 and #5 differ considerably in size when compared to the subject. The Board finds the board of review's comparables are more similar to the subject in location, style, age, size and features. These comparables sold for prices ranging from \$490,000 to \$627,812 or from \$200.66 to \$257.09 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$591,955 or \$242.41 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the best comparable sales. Based on this evidence 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: 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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