



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

APPELLANT: Adam Kramer
DOCKET NO.: 19-05483.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-06-401-018

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Adam Kramer, 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: \$33,801
IMPR.: \$100,460
TOTAL: \$134,261

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 frame construction with 2,396 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1989. Features of the home include a partially finished basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and an attached 448 square foot garage. The property has a 11,600 square foot site and is located in Vernon Hills, 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 .16 to .29 of a mile from the subject. Comparables #1 and #2 are also located within the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 7,524 to 20,503 square feet of land area that are improved with two-story dwellings of frame construction containing from 2,187 to 2,643 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1989 to 1993. The

comparables have basements, four of which have finished area, central air conditioning and an attached garage ranging in size from 420 to 497 square feet of building area. Three comparables each have a fireplace. The comparables sold from March 2018 to May 2019 for prices ranging from \$324,500 to \$355,000 or from \$134.32 to \$148.38 per square foot of living area, including land. The appellant's sales grid disclosed that the subject was purchased in June 2016 for \$379,500 or \$158.39 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence the appellant requested that the subject's assessment be reduced to \$120,187.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$134,261. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$408,212 or \$170.37 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 four comparable sales that are located from .42 to .72 of a mile from the subject and within the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 12,010 to 14,000 square feet of land area that are improved with two-story dwellings with wood siding exterior construction containing from 2,339 to 2,474 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1991 to 1993. The comparables have basements, three of which have finished area, central air conditioning and an attached garage ranging in size from 441 to 484 square feet of building area. Three comparables have either one or two fireplaces. Comparable #3 also has a swimming pool. The comparables sold from March 2018 to June 2019 for prices ranging from \$405,000 to \$465,000 or from \$163.70 to \$187.95 per square foot of living area, including land. The board of review's sales grid also disclosed that the subject was purchased in June 2016 for \$379,500 or \$158.39 per square foot of living area, including land. The board of review's submission further disclosed that 2019 was the first year of the General Assessment Cycle for the subject property. 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 nine comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #3, #4 and #5, due to their locations outside of the subject's neighborhood code. The Board also gives less weight to the board of review's comparable #3 as the comparable has a swimming pool, unlike the subject. The Board finds the parties' remaining comparables are more similar to the subject in location, style, age, size and features. The parties' best comparables sold from March 2018 to June 2019 for prices of \$405,000 and \$415,000 or from \$163.70 to \$173.21 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$408,221 or \$170.38 per square foot of

living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the best comparable sales in the record. 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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