



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

APPELLANT: Richard Adler
DOCKET NO.: 19-06180.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-06-304-006

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Richard Adler, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld of Robert H. Rosenfeld and Associates, LLC 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: \$165,877
IMPR.: \$143,611
TOTAL: \$309,488

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 is improved with a one-story dwelling of brick construction with 4,400 square feet of living area. The dwelling was built in 1990 and is approximately 29 years old. Features of the home include a slab foundation, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and an attached garage with 768 square feet of building area. The property has a 67,080 square foot site and is located in Lake Forest, West Deerfield 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 three equity comparables improved with one-story dwellings of brick exterior construction ranging in size from 2,892 to 3,440 square feet of living area. The homes range in age from 51 to 59 years old. Each comparable has a slab foundation, central air conditioning, one fireplace, and an attached garage ranging in size from 504 to 850 square feet of building area. The comparables have the

same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$80,967 to \$91,414 or from \$26.67 to \$28.18 per square foot of living area. The appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$121,366.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$309,488. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$143,611 or \$32.64 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on three equity comparables improved with 1-story or 1.75-story dwellings of brick exterior construction ranging in size from 3,676 to 4,453 square feet of living area. The homes were built in 1957 or 1961. Each property has a partial basement, central air conditioning, one to three fireplaces, and an attached garage ranging in size from 460 to 546 square feet of building area. Comparable #1 has an inground swimming pool. The comparables have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$99,786 to \$109,191 or from \$23.92 to \$29.42 per square foot of living area.

Conclusion of Law

The taxpayer 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 a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The record contains six comparables submitted by the parties to support their respective positions. The comparables provided by the parties are not particularly similar to the subject dwelling as these homes are from 51 to 62 years older than the subject dwelling. The Board gives less weight to board of review comparable #1 due to its inground swimming pool, a feature the subject does not have. The Board gives less weight to board of review comparable #3 due to its different 1.75-story design. The four remaining comparables are improved with dwellings that are smaller and older than the subject property. Additionally, board of review comparable #2 has a small basement, which differs from the subject's slab foundation. These comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$80,967 to \$108,160 or from \$26.57 to \$29.42 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$143,611 or \$32.64 per square foot of living area falls above the range established by the best comparables in this record but justified considering its newer age and larger dwelling size in relation to these comparables. Based on this record the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with 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:

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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