



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

APPELLANT: Jeffery Rollefson
DOCKET NO.: 19-06537.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-02-304-017

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jeffery Rollefson, 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: \$36,210
IMPR.: \$134,023
TOTAL: \$170,233

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 1.5-story dwelling of wood siding exterior construction with 2,951 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1985 and is approximately 34 years old. Features of the home include an unfinished walk-out basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and an attached garage with 723 square feet of building area. The property has a site with approximately 52,450¹ square feet of land area and is located in Hawthorn Woods, Ela 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 four suggested equity comparables located within 1.5 miles from the subject and within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction that range in size from 3,426 to 3,678 square feet of living area. The dwellings range in age from 32 to 41 years old. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, one or two

¹ The Board finds the best description of the subjects' property size is found in the property record card provided by the board of review.

fireplaces and an attached garage ranging in size from 672 to 846 square feet of building area. Three comparables have central air conditioning. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$127,042 to \$144,997 or from \$35.95 to \$39.42 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$112,801 or \$38.22 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$170,233. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$134,023 or \$45.42 per square foot of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on five suggested equity comparables located within 1.6 miles from the subject and within the same assessment neighborhood as the subject property. The comparables are improved with either 1-story, 1.5-story, or 2-story dwellings of brick, wood siding or brick and wood siding exterior construction that range in size from 2,562 to 3,360 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1978 to 1989 with the oldest comparable having a reported effective age of 1986. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one to three fireplaces and an attached garage ranging in size from 792 to 1,085 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$133,740 to \$152,879 or from \$43.25 to \$53.05 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

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 parties submitted nine suggested comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparables due to their differences in dwelling size when compared to the subject. The Board gave less weight to the board of review comparables #1, #3, and #5 due to their differences in design when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity are the board of review comparables #2 and #4. These two best comparables in the record are most similar to the subject in location, design, age, and features. They have improvement assessments of \$149,248 and \$135,925 or \$44.42 and \$53.05 per square foot of living area, respectively. The subject's improvement assessment of \$134,023 or \$45.42 per square foot of living area, which is within the range established by the best comparables in this record on a per square foot basis. 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 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:

August 23, 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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