



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

APPELLANT: Jack Johnson
DOCKET NO.: 19-06556.001-R-2
PARCEL NO.: 05-13-306-044

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jack Johnson, the appellant, by attorney Ellen G. Berkshire, of Verros Berkshire, PC 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: \$66,804
IMPR.: \$319,304
TOTAL: \$386,108

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 2-story dwelling with wood siding exterior construction containing 5,836 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2017 and is approximately 3 years old. Features of the home include a crawl-space foundation, central air conditioning, a fireplace, an attached 899 square foot garage and a detached 1,406 square foot garage. The property has a 66,210 square foot site and is located in Ingleside, Grant Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the subject's improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on three comparable properties that are located from .7 of a mile to 1.1 miles from the subject. The comparables are improved with 1-story, 1.5-story or 2-story dwellings containing from 1,448 to 3,596 square feet of living area. The homes range in age from 16 to 77 years old. Two of the

comparables have unfinished basements and either one or two fireplaces. Each comparable has central air conditioning and a garage ranging in size from 528 to 842 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$62,312 to \$161,584 or from \$43.03 to \$44.93 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence the appellant requested that the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$188,462 or \$32.29 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 \$386,108. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$319,304 or \$54.71 per square foot of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on two comparable properties that are located .30 or .36 of a mile from the subject. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings containing 4,821 or 4,922 square feet of living area. The homes were built in 1957 or 2001, with the home built in 1957 having a 1978 effective age. The comparables have unfinished basements, central air conditioning, a fireplace and an attached garage with 780 or 1,410 square feet of building area. One comparable has a swimming pool. The comparables have improvement assessments of \$178,844 and \$251,301 or \$36.34 and \$52.13 per square foot of living area. The board of review submitted a brief that argued the appellant's comparables are not similar to the subject, as the subject was built in 2017 and is located on a Long Lake peninsula. Based on this evidence the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

Conclusion of Law

The taxpayer contends improvement 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 a total of five comparable properties for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables due to their significantly smaller dwelling size, when compared to the subject. The Board finds the board of review's comparables are more similar to the subject in location, style, and some features. However, each of the board of review's comparables have a significantly smaller site and is improved with a considerably smaller dwelling. Nevertheless, the best comparables have improvement assessments of \$178,844 and \$251,301 or \$36.34 and \$52.13 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$319,304 or \$54.71 per square foot of living area falls above the improvement assessments of the best comparables in the record. However, after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, such as their smaller sites and dwellings, the Board finds the subject's higher improvement assessment is supported. Based on this record, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear

and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement is inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not 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:

June 21, 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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