



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

APPELLANT: David Schroeder
DOCKET NO.: 19-06914.001-R-2
PARCEL NO.: 15-11-300-010

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are David Schroeder, the appellant, by attorney Andrew J. Rukavina, of The Tax Appeal Company in Mundelein; 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: \$49,777
IMPR.: \$273,028
TOTAL: \$322,805

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 with brick exterior construction containing 4,053 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2014. Features of the home include a partially finished full basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and an attached 921 square foot garage. The property has a 40,720 square foot site and is located in Lake Forest, 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 .15 to .81 of a mile from the subject. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 53,150 to 93,050 square feet of land area that are improved with two-story dwellings containing from 3,178 to 4,170 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1969 to 1995, with the home built in 1969 having a 1970 effective age. Four of the comparables have full basements, one of which

has finished area, and one has a crawl-space foundation. The comparables have central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and an attached garage ranging in size from 462 to 1,090 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from November 2016 to December 2019 for prices ranging from \$425,000 to \$745,000 or from \$133.73 to \$231.94 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$322,805. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$981,469 or \$242.16 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 five comparable sales that are located from .36 of a mile to 1.42 miles from the subject. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 18,300 to 44,430 square feet of land area that are improved with two-story dwellings containing from 3,648 to 4,935 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1998 to 2018. The comparables have partially finished full basements, central air conditioning, from one to four fireplaces and an attached garage ranging in size from 672 to 961 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from May 2018 to November 2019 for prices ranging from \$1,025,000 to \$1,240,000 or from \$251.27 to \$285.95 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 ten comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #1, #2, #3 and #5, as well as the board of review's comparable #5, due to their differences in dwelling size when compared to the subject. In addition, the appellant's comparable #2 has a sale date occurring greater than 25 months prior to the January 1, 2019 assessment date at issue and the appellant's comparable #5 has a dissimilar crawl-space foundation when compared to the subject. The Board finds the parties' remaining comparables have varying degrees of similarity to the subject and sold proximate in time to the January 1, 2019 assessment date at issue. The best comparables sold from May 2018 to November 2019 and sold for prices ranging from \$635,000 to \$1,235,000 or from \$152.28 to \$285.95 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$981,469 or \$242.16 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the best comparables in the record. Based on this record 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:

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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