



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

APPELLANT: Andrew Finlayson
DOCKET NO.: 19-07495.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 05-25-401-066

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Andrew Finlayson, 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: \$9,826
IMPR.: \$73,773
TOTAL: \$83,599

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 wood siding construction with 2,347 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2002 and is approximately 17 years old. Features of the home include a walkout basement, central air conditioning, and an attached 440 square foot garage.¹ The property has an approximately 7,178 square foot site and is located in Round Lake, Grant Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement assessment as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables. The comparables are located from 0.09 to 0.47 of a mile from the subject property and within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The

¹ Additional details regarding the subject property not provided by the appellant are found in the subject's property record card presented by the board of review.

comparables are improved with two-story homes of wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,292 to 2,648 square feet of living area. The dwellings are 16 or 18 years old. Each home has a basement, central air conditioning, and an attached garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$56,517 to \$69,079 or from \$21.34 to \$29.17 per square foot of living area.

Based on this evidence the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment to \$67,881 or \$28.92 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 \$83,599. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$73,773 or \$31.43 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on five equity comparables. The comparables are located from 0.05 to 0.57 of a mile from the subject property and within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables are improved with two-story homes of wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,292 to 2,444 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 2002 to 2005. Each home has a basement, four of which have a recreation room and three of which are a walkout basement. Each home also features central air conditioning and an attached garage ranging in size from 400 to 620 square feet of building area. Two homes have a fireplace. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$75,546 to \$78,716 or from \$31.74 to \$32.99 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 appellant 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 a total of nine equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the board of review's comparables #1, #2, #3, and #5, which each have a recreation room that is not a feature of the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the appellant's comparables and the board of review's comparable #4, which are similar to the subject in dwelling size, age, location, and some features. These comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$56,517 to \$75,546 or from \$21.34 to \$31.74 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$73,773 or \$31.43 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record and after considering appropriate

adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, 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:

April 19, 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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