



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

APPELLANT: Sandra Arden
DOCKET NO.: 19-07613.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-14-402-001

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Sandra Arden, 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: \$ 39,588
IMPR.: \$101,556
TOTAL: \$141,144

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 one-story dwelling of wood siding exterior construction with 2,156 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1990 and is approximately 29 years old. Features of the home include an unfinished full basement, central air conditioning, a 450 square foot garage and an inground swimming pool. The property has an approximately 20,473 square foot site and is located in Lincolnshire, Vernon 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 equity comparables located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables consist of one-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction that range in age from 50 to 64 years old. The homes range in size from 1,817 to 2,387 square feet of living area. Each dwelling has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, and a garage

ranging in size from 450 to 594 square feet of building area. Three of the homes have one or two fireplaces each. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$64,575 to \$80,447 or from \$27.05 to \$37.70 per square foot of living area.

Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced improvement assessment of \$72,872 or \$33.80 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 \$141,144. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$101,556 or \$47.10 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables, three of which are located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables consist of either one-story or two-story dwellings of brick, wood siding, or brick and wood siding exterior construction. The dwellings were built from 1978 to 1988 and range in size from 2,162 to 2,328 square feet of living area. Each dwelling has a full or partial basement with finished area, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 462 to 888 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$99,127 to \$119,597 or from \$42.59 to \$51.77 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 a total of eight equity comparables to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board has given reduced weight to the appellant's comparables which are each significantly older than the subject dwelling when compared to the comparables presented by the board of review. The Board has given reduced weight to board of review comparable #1 due to its dissimilar location and two-story design as compared to the subject dwelling.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be board of review comparables #2, #3 and #4 which are each similar to the subject in location, age, dwelling size and some features, although the subject has an inground swimming pool amenity which is not a feature of any of these comparables indicating that upward adjustments to the comparables may be necessary to make them more equivalent to the subject. These three comparables have improvement assessments that ranging from \$99,142 to \$108,305 or from \$42.59 to \$49.07 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$101,556 or \$47.10 per square foot of

living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record, despite that the subject is of newer construction and has an inground swimming pool when compared to these properties. Based on this record and after considering 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: 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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