



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

APPELLANT: Andrzej & Grazyna Wojciak
DOCKET NO.: 19-09080.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 01-24-311-009

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Andrzej & Grazyna Wojciak, the appellants; and the DuPage 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 **DuPage** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$28,220
IMPR.: \$89,620
TOTAL: \$117,840

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellants timely filed the appeal from a decision of the DuPage 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 aluminum siding and brick exterior construction with 2,236 square feet of living area.¹ The dwelling was constructed in 1989 and is approximately 31 years old. Features of the home include a basement, central air conditioning, and a garage containing 462 square feet of building area. The property has a 13,646 square foot site and is located in Carol Stream, Wayne Township, DuPage County.

The appellants contend assessment inequity concerning the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellants submitted information on four equity comparables located in the same neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables consist of two-story dwellings of aluminum siding exterior construction that are 29 or 31 years old. The homes have 2,204 or 2,236 square feet of living area. Each dwelling has central air conditioning and a garage containing 462 square feet of building area. Comparables #1 and #2

¹ Additional descriptive information has been taken from the property record card submitted by the board of review.

each have a fireplace. Each dwelling has a basement with three of the four comparables having finished area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$82,620 to \$86,280 or from \$37.49 to \$39.15 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced improvement assessment of \$85,046 or \$38.03 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 \$117,840. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$89,620 or \$40.08 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 that are located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables consist of two-story dwellings of aluminum siding or aluminum siding and brick exterior construction that were built from 1989 to 1991. The homes range in size from 2,079 to 2,236 square feet of living area. Each dwelling has central air conditioning and a garage with 441 or 462 square feet of building area. Four of the five comparables each have one fireplace. Each dwelling has a basement with 559 to 937 square feet of finished area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$82,350 to \$90,880 or from \$39.61 to \$40.64 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

In written rebuttal to the appellants' submission, the board of review stated that the subject has a finished basement, appellants' comparables #1 and #2 have finished basements that were not assessed for 2019, and comparable #4 does not have a finished basement. The board of review stated further that its comparables all have finished basements, the subject's per-square-foot assessment is within the range established by those comparables, and that its comparable #1 has a slightly lower assessment than the subject because the subject has a front porch.

Conclusion of Law

The taxpayers contend 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 appellants did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted a total of nine equity comparables to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board has given reduced weight to appellants' comparable #4 due to its unfinished basement when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be appellants' comparables #1 through #3 along with the board of review comparables. The Board finds these comparables are more similar to the subject in dwelling size and features. These comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$82,350 to \$90,880 or from \$37.49 to \$40.64 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$89,620 or \$40.08 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 adjustments to the best comparables for differences, the Board finds the appellants 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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