



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

APPELLANT: Steven Hensley
DOCKET NO.: 19-39368.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 27-03-401-052-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Steven Hensley, the appellant(s), by attorney John W. Zapala, of the Law Offices of John Zapala, P.C. in Chicago; and the Cook 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 **Cook** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$5,077
IMPR.: \$19,151
TOTAL: \$24,228

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Cook 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 32-year-old, multi-story, single-family dwelling of frame and masonry construction with 1,588 square feet of living area. Features of the home include: a partial basement with a formal recreation room, central air conditioning, and a 2.5-car garage. The property has a 11,946 square foot site and is located in Orland Park, Orland Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-34 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends assessment inequity and overvaluation as the bases of the appeal. In support of the assessment inequity argument, the appellant submitted information on five suggested equity comparable properties. In support of the overvaluation argument, the appellant submitted information on five comparable sales and a grid entitled "Comparable Sales Analysis Detail" disclosing adjustments to the property values of those comparable properties.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$24,228. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$19,151 or \$12.06 per square foot of living area. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$242,280 or \$152.57 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying the assessment level of 10% as established by the Cook County Real Property Classification Ordinance. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables and four sales comparables.

The equity comparables are improved with multi-level, single-family dwellings of frame and masonry construction. The comparable properties were located within a quarter of a mile of the subject property with one comparable being within a block of the subject property. The improvements ranged: in age from 32 to 41 years old; in size from 1,517 to 1,624 square feet of living area; and in assessment from \$13.34 to \$14.30 per square foot. Each of the comparable properties had a partial basement with a formal recreation room. Additionally, three of the comparable properties had air conditioning and each had a garage of varying size.

The sales comparables were sold between February 2019 and September 2019, for prices ranging from \$265,000 to \$307,000, or \$168.32 to \$211.87 per square foot of living area, including land.

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 Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be *the board of review's comparables #1, #3, and #4*. These comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$13.34 to \$14.30 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$12.06 per square foot of living area falls below the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record the Board finds, as to the equity argument, 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.

The appellant also 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 Board finds the appellant failed to establish the admissibility of and to lay a foundation for the adjustments in the Comparable Sales Analysis Detail grid. Therefore, the Board gives them no weight. However, the Board may consider the raw, unadjusted sales data.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be *appellant's comparable sales #1 and #4 and the board of review's comparables #1 and #2*. These comparables sold for prices ranging from \$161.34 to \$185.44 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$152.57 per square foot of living area, including land, which is below the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. Based on this evidence the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment based on the overvaluation argument *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:

September 20, 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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