

# FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Paul Nutlis

DOCKET NO.: 20-00284.001-R-1 PARCEL NO.: 15-23-205-021

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Paul Nutlis, the appellant, by attorney Gregory Riggs, of Tax Appeals Lake County in Lake Zurich; and the Lake County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented in this matter, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds <u>A Reduction</u> 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:** \$70,011 **IMPR.:** \$83,307 **TOTAL:** \$153,318

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 2020 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 brick and frame exterior construction with 2,834 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1967. Features of the home include a concrete slab foundation, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 484 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 21,344 square foot site and is located in Lincolnshire, Vernon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on three comparable sales located within 0.74 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 20,909 to 54,014 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings of frame or brick and frame exterior construction that range in size from 2,236 to 2,964 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1970 to 1977. Each comparable has central air conditioning, one or three

fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 440 to 672 square feet of building area. The properties sold from January to December 2019 for prices ranging from \$377,250 to \$427,500 or from \$128.21 to \$168.72 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$153,318 which reflects a market value of \$460,000 or \$162.31 per square foot of living area, land included, when applying the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$179,668. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$539,706 or \$190.44 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2020 three-year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.29% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales located within 0.52 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 19,600 to 22,650 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings of wood siding or brick and wood siding exterior construction that range in size from 2,762 to 3,150 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1964 to 1980. Each comparable has a basement, central air conditioning and a garage ranging in size from 506 to 552 square feet of building area. Three comparables each have one fireplace. The properties sold from February 2019 to January 2020 for prices ranging from \$585,000 to \$612,000 or from \$190.48 to \$221.58 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the subject's assessment be confirmed.

# **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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The parties submitted seven comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparable #3 which differs from the subject in dwelling size and site size. The Board gives less weight to each of the board of review comparables which have basement foundations when compared to the subject's concrete slab foundation.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparables #1 and #2 which are more similar to the subject in location, age, design, dwelling size and other features. These comparables sold in January and June 2019 for prices of \$380,000 and \$427,500 or for \$128.21 and \$163.04 per square foot of living area, including land, respectively. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$539,706 or \$190.44 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls above the two best comparable sales in this record. After considering appropriate adjustments to the comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment, commensurate with the request, is 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.

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# **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
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#### **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 <u>PETITION AND EVIDENCE</u> 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.

# PARTIES OF RECORD

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