

# FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT:	Lon Xia
DOCKET NO.:	20-00479.001-R-1
PARCEL NO .:	06-34-401-123

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Lon Xia, 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>No Change</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:	\$ 8,757
IMPR.:	\$54,671
TOTAL:	\$63,428

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 townhome of vinyl siding exterior construction with 1,654 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2006. Features of the home include a full basement with a recreation room, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 462 square foot garage. The property has a 1,190 square foot site and is located in Grayslake, Avon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on five comparable sales located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The parcels range in size from 1,160 to 1,530 square feet of land area and are each improved with a two-story townhome of vinyl siding exterior construction. The townhouses were built from 2004 to 2007 and range in size from 1,638 to 1,680 square feet of living area. Each townhouse has a full basement with a recreation room,

central air conditioning and a garage of either 462 or 528 square feet of building area. Comparable #2 also has a fireplace. The comparables sold from March to November 2019 for prices ranging from \$162,000 to \$180,000 or from \$98.90 to \$107.14 per square foot of living area, including land.

Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced total assessment of \$56,661 which would reflect a market value of \$170,000 or \$102.78 per square foot of living area, including land, 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 \$63,428. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$190,532 or \$115.19 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 five comparable sales located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The parcels range in size from 1,290 to 1,630 square feet of land area and are each improved with a two-story townhome of vinyl siding exterior construction. The townhouses were built from 2005 to 2007 and range in size from 1,638 to 1,680 square feet of living area. Each townhouse has a full basement with a recreation room, central air conditioning and a garage of either 462 or 528 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from April 2019 to May 2020 for prices ranging from \$195,000 to \$220,000 or from \$117.61 to \$134.31 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

# **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 did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted a total of ten comparable sales that are each similar to the subject in location, design, exterior construction, age, foundation and dwelling size to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The comparables sold from March 2019 to May 2020 for prices ranging from \$162,000 to \$220,000 or from \$98.90 to \$134.31 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$190,532 or \$115.19 per square foot of living area, including area, including land, which is well within the range established by the comparable sales in this record. Based on this evidence and after considering appropriate adjustments for differences such as age, the Board finds 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:

August 23, 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 <u>PETITION AND</u> <u>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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