



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

APPELLANT: Eric Jansen
DOCKET NO.: 20-00794.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 06-04-408-012

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Eric Jansen, the appellant; 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: \$12,817
IMPR.: \$75,448
TOTAL: \$88,265

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 vinyl siding exterior construction with 2,622 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1996 and is approximately 24 years old. Features of the home include a walk-out basement with finished area, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a garage containing 496 square feet of building area. The property has an 8,710 square foot site and is located in Lake Villa, Lake Villa Township, Lake County.

The appellant appeared before the Property Tax Appeal Board contending overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four comparable sales. The comparables are located in the same neighborhood code as the subject property and are 20 to 23 years old. The comparables consist of two-story dwellings of brick and vinyl siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,602 to 2,755 square feet of living area. Each comparable has a central air conditioning and a garage ranging in size from 496 to 653 square feet of building area. Each comparable has a basement, three of which have finished

area, and three comparables each have a fireplace. The parcels range in size from 8,710 to 11,330 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from February 2019 to April 2020 for prices ranging from \$247,500 to \$265,000 or from \$90.48 to \$101.84 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced assessment of \$82,157.

At hearing, the appellant testified that the subject was the oldest home in the neighborhood and that the comparables submitted were superior to the subject. The appellant further testified that there were no recent updates to the subject property.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$88,265. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$265,140 or \$101.12 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.

Jack Perry appeared on behalf of the Lake County Board of Review and noted that the subject has a walk-out style basement, that none of the appellant's comparables have walk-out style basements, and that the board of review comparables, three of which have walk-out style basements, support the assessment.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on five comparable sales located in the same neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables consist of two-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,577 to 3,055 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1998 to 2002. Each dwelling has a basement, three of which are walk-out style and four of which have finished area. Each comparable has a garage ranging in size from 460 to 765 square feet of building area. Four of the comparables have central air conditioning and four each have a fireplace. Comparable #2 has an inground swimming pool. The parcels range in size from 8,710 to 15,250 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from April 2019 to October 2020 for prices ranging from \$305,500 to \$330,000 or from \$106.38 to \$118.88 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 nine comparable sales to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board has given reduced weight to appellant's comparable #4 due to its lack of finished basement area when compared to the subject. The Board also gives reduced weight to board of review comparables #2 and #3 due to their larger parcel size, larger

dwelling size, lack of finished basement area, and/or inground swimming pool as compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the remaining comparables, which are most similar to the subject in dwelling size, age, and features. These most similar comparables sold for prices ranging from \$247,500 to \$330,000 or from \$90.48 to \$118.88 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$265,140 or \$101.12 per square foot of living area, including land, which is within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record and at the lower end of the range, which is logical given considerations for adjustments to the best comparable sales for dwelling size, finished basement size, and/or the age of the subject dwelling. Based on this evidence and after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment for overvaluation 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: _____

October 18, 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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