



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

APPELLANT: Gary Lundsberg
DOCKET NO.: 20-01445.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-05-202-099

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Gary Lundsberg, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld of Robert H. Rosenfeld and Associates, LLC in Chicago; 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: \$101,154
IMPR.: \$237,564
TOTAL: \$338,718

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 2-story dwelling of brick exterior construction with 3,843 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1988 and is approximately 32 years old. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and an 875 square foot garage. The property has a 20,595 square foot site¹ and is located in Lake Forest, West Deerfield Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are improved with 1.8-story or 2-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 3,694 to 4,838 square feet of living area. The dwellings range in age from

¹ The Board finds the only evidence of the subject's site size was provided by the appellant.

33 to 35 years old. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 720 to 828 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$205,646 to \$270,357 or from \$54.17 to \$55.88 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$212,517 or \$55.30 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 \$338,718. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$237,564 or \$61.82 per square foot of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on five comparables with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of brick, wood siding or brick and wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 3,748 to 3,931 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built in 1985 or 1986. The comparables each have a basement, one of which is finished with a recreation room. Each comparable has central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 713 to 875 square feet of building area. Comparable #3 has an inground swimming pool. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$161,161 to \$251,932 or from \$41.00 to \$67.20 per square foot of living area.

The board of review argued the appellant's comparables were up to 26% larger than the subject dwelling. The board of review asserted that its comparables are within 100 square feet of the subject dwelling's living area and prove practical uniformity.

Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

Conclusion of Law

The taxpayer 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 record contains a total of nine suggested equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board has given less weight to the appellant's comparables #1, #3 and #4, due to their larger dwelling sizes when compared to the subject. The board has given reduced weight to board of review comparable #2 which appears to be an outlier given its considerably lower improvement assessment when compared to the other comparables in the record. The Board has also given reduced weight to board of review comparable #3 as it has a basement recreation room and an inground swimming pool, neither of which are features of the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the appellant's comparable #2, along with board of review comparables #1, #4 and #5, which are overall more similar to the

subject in dwelling size, design, age and some features. These four comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$205,646 to \$251,932 or from \$55.67 to \$67.20 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$237,564 or \$61.82 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in the record. Based on this record and after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds 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.

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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