



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

APPELLANT: Aaron Wasserman
DOCKET NO.: 20-02123.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-22-408-044

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Aaron Wasserman, 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: \$53,160
IMPR.: \$197,824
TOTAL: \$250,984

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 is improved with a one-story dwelling of wood siding exterior construction with 3,091 square feet of living area. The dwelling was built in 1999 and is approximately 21 years old. Features of the home include a full basement finished with a 1,190 square foot recreation room, central air conditioning, one fireplace and an attached garage with 552 square feet of building area. The property has a site with approximately 8,720 square foot site located in Highland Park, Moraine Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement as the basis of the appeal; the land assessment is not in dispute. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables improved with 1.8-story or 2-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,756 to 3,462 square feet of living area. The dwellings range in age from 20 to 68 years old. Each comparable has a full basement with three

having finished area ranging in size from 888 to 1,104 square feet, central air conditioning, and an attached garage ranging in size from 302 to 504 square feet of building area. Three comparables have one or two fireplaces. The comparables are located from approximately .09 to .19 of one mile from the subject property. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$157,969 to \$205,403 or from \$53.09 to \$61.79 per square foot of living area. The appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$176,519.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$250,984. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$197,824 or \$64.00 per square foot of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on five equity comparables improved with two-story dwellings of brick, wood siding and stone, brick and vinyl siding, or a combination of brick and wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,867 to 3,197 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 2001 to 2007. Each comparable has a full basement with a recreation room ranging in size from 893 to 1,329 square feet of building area, central air conditioning, one fireplace and an attached garage ranging in size from 420 to 609 square feet of building area. The comparables are located from .16 to .21 of one mile from the subject property. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$187,381 to \$222,532 or from \$63.39 to \$69.99 per square foot of living area.

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 appellant's comparable #4 and the comparables provided by the board of review as these comparables are improved with homes most similar to the subject dwelling in size, age and features. These comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$187,381 to \$222,532 or from \$61.79 to \$69.99 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$197,824 or \$64.00 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. Little weight is given appellant's comparables #1, #2 and #3 due to differences from the subject dwelling in age, size and/or features. Based on this record the Board finds the assessment of the subject property as established by the board of review is correct 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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