



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

APPELLANT: Kashif Syed
DOCKET NO.: 20-03375.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-16-101-025

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Kashif Syed, the appellant, by attorney Ronald Kingsley of Lake County Real Estate Tax Appeal, LLC in Lake Forest, 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: \$21,257
IMPR.: \$183,509
TOTAL: \$204,766

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 two-story dwelling of wood siding and brick exterior construction with 3,335 square feet of living area. The dwelling was built in 1995. Features of the home include a full basement with a recreation room, central air conditioning, two fireplaces, and an attached garage with 420 square feet of building area. The property has a site with approximately 11,380 square feet of land area located in Vernon Hills, Vernon 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 improved with two-story dwellings of frame or brick exterior construction that range in size from 3,358 to 3,926 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1992 to 1995. Each property has a basement with two having finished area, central air conditioning, one or three fireplaces and an attached garage ranging in

size from 638 to 733 square feet of building area. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 10,000 to 11,518 square feet of land area and are located within .27 of one mile from the subject property. The sales occurred from February 2019 to December 2019 for prices ranging from \$550,000 to \$688,000 or from \$140.09 to \$204.88 per square foot of living area, including land. The appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$178,960.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$204,766. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$615,098 or \$184.44 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 with comparables #1 and #2 being the same properties as appellant's comparables #5 and #4, respectively. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of brick or a combination of brick and wood siding exterior construction. The homes were built from 1992 to 2001 and range in size from 3,358 to 3,840 square feet of living area. Each comparable has an unfinished full basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace and an attached garage ranging in size from 624 to 753 square feet of building area. These properties have sites ranging in size from 10,000 to 11,500 square feet of land area and are located within approximately .25 of one mile from the subject property. The sales occurred from May 2019 to September 2020 for prices ranging from \$619,000 to \$743,000 or from \$176.81 to \$204.88 per square foot of living area, including land.

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 Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellant's comparable sales #4 and #5 as well as board of review comparable sales #1 through #3, which includes two common comparable sales. These comparables are similar to the subject dwelling in age, size and most features with the exception each has an unfinished basement while the subject has finished basement area and each property has one less fireplace than the subject, suggesting each would require upward adjustments to make them more equivalent to the subject for these features. Conversely, these three comparables each have a larger garage than the subject suggesting a downward adjustment to each comparable would be appropriate for this feature. These most similar comparables sold for prices ranging from \$619,000 to \$688,000 or from \$176.81 to \$204.88 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$615,098 or \$184.44 per square foot of living area, including land, which is below the overall price range but within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record on a per square foot of living area basis. The subject's assessment is well supported after considering the suggested adjustments. Less weight is given to appellant's comparable sales #1

through #3 and board of review comparable #4 due to differences from the subject dwelling in size. Based on this evidence 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

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: January 17, 2023



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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