



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

APPELLANT: Ankit Agarwal
DOCKET NO.: 20-03661.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-28-101-055

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Ankit Agarwal, 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: \$36,520
IMPR.: \$135,159
TOTAL: \$171,679

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 frame and brick¹ construction with 2,774 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1989. Features of the home include a basement that is finished with a 1,247 square foot recreation room, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 441 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 11,150 square foot site and is located in Buffalo Grove, Vernon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on four comparable sales with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and located within .26 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 8,874 or 15,706 square feet of land area. The

¹ The subject's property record card presented by the board of review disclosed the subject dwelling has a frame and brick exterior, which was not refuted by the appellant.

comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of frame exterior construction ranging in size from 2,422 to 3,680 square feet of living area. The dwellings were each built in 1988 with comparable #1 having a reported effective age of 1989. The comparables each have a basement with 630 to 1,488 square feet of finished area. Each comparable has central air conditioning, one fireplace and a garage ranging in size from 420 to 552 square feet of building area. Comparable #4 has an inground swimming pool. The comparables sold from February to September 2019 for prices of \$460,000 or \$525,000 or from \$142.66 to \$198.18 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's total assessment be reduced to \$153,479, which would reflect a market value of \$460,483 or \$166.00 per square foot of living area, including land, when using 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 \$171,679. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$515,707 or \$185.91 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 three comparable sales located from .04 of a mile to 1.03 miles from the subject property, two of which have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. Board of review comparable #1 is the same property as the appellant's comparable #2. The comparables have sites that range in size from 9,920 to 10,820 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of wood siding or wood siding and brick exterior construction ranging in size from 2,632 to 3,315 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built in 1988 or 1990. The comparables each have a basement, one of which is finished with a 1,161 square foot recreation room. Each comparable has central air conditioning, one fireplace and a garage with either 441 or 552 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from February 2019 to December 2020 for prices ranging from \$505,000 to \$530,000 or from \$158.37 to \$191.87 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 record contains six suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration, as one sale was common to both parties. The Board has given less weight to the appellant's comparables #1 and #2/board of review comparable #1 due to their larger dwelling sizes when compared to the subject. The Board has also given less weight to the appellant's comparable #4 as it has an inground swimming pool, unlike the subject and to board of review comparable #3 due to its distant location being more than one mile away from the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparable #3 and board of review comparable #2. These two comparables are overall more similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, design, age and some features, except both comparables have less basement finished area, if any, when compared to the subject. Nevertheless, these two comparables sold in September 2019 and December 2020 for prices of \$460,000 and \$505,000 or for \$173.32 and \$191.87 per square foot of living area, including land, respectively. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$515,707 or \$185.91 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls between the two best comparable sales in the record on a price per square foot basis but above the comparables in overall market value, which appears to be justified given its superior finished basement area. Based on this record and after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds no reduction in the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is warranted.

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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