



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

APPELLANT: Jason Stichauf
DOCKET NO.: 20-03794.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 07-24-228-012

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jason Stichauf, the appellant, by attorney Eric Feldman, of Eric Feldman & Assoc. P.C. 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: \$14,727
IMPR.: \$62,626
TOTAL: \$77,353

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 one-story dwelling of wood siding exterior construction with 1,382 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1995. Features of the home include a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a garage containing 484 square feet of building area. The property has a 16,880 square foot site and is located in Gurnee, Warren 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 located within .87 of a mile of the subject and within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables consist of one-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 1,584 to 1,746 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1968 to 1996. Each dwelling has a basement, with two having finished area, and a garage ranging in size from 400 to

575 square feet of building area. Three comparables each have a fireplace and three comparables have central air conditioning. The parcels range in size from 10,000 to 16,200 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from April to December 2019 for prices ranging from \$179,900 to \$241,000 or from \$112.23 to \$142.05 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced assessment of \$65,506.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$77,353. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$232,361 or \$168.13 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 within .8 of a mile and within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables consist of one-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 1,178 to 1,561 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1958 to 1984, with comparable #3 having an effective age of 1972. Each dwelling has central air conditioning, a basement with two having finished area, and a garage ranging in size from 440 to 576 square feet of building area. Two comparables each have a fireplace. The parcels range in size from 10,880 to 16,200 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from January 2019 to May 2020 for prices ranging from \$219,000 to \$268,000 or from \$171.68 to \$200.34 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 seven comparable sales to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board finds that neither party submitted comparables that were particularly similar to the subject due to differences in age, dwelling size, and/or features. Nevertheless, the Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #1 through #3, along with board of review comparables #1 and #3, due to differences in age and/or lack of finished basement area when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellant's comparable sale #4 and board of review comparable sale #2 which are most similar to the subject in age and features. These most similar comparables sold for prices of \$236,000 and \$241,000 or for \$138.03 and \$200.34 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$232,361 or \$168.13 per square foot of living area, including land, which is below the best comparable sales in this record on an overall basis and bracketed by the best comparables on a per-square-foot basis. Based on this evidence and after considering adjustments to the best

comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds 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: February 21, 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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