



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

APPELLANT: Jeff Baer
DOCKET NO.: 20-03812.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-32-307-009

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jeff Baer, 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: \$58,036
IMPR.: \$127,274
TOTAL: \$185,310

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 brick and wood siding exterior construction with 2,788 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1972. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a garage containing 440 square feet of building area. The property has a 10,800 square foot site and is located in Deerfield, West Deerfield 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 located within .53 of a mile of the subject and within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables consist of two-story dwellings of brick or brick and wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,247 to 2,892 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1969 to 1974. Each dwelling has central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a garage ranging in size from 440 to

530 square feet of building area. Four comparables each have a basement with one having finished area. Comparable #3 has an inground swimming pool. Three of the parcels contain either 10,800 or 12,600 square feet of land area, with no parcel size data provided for comparables #3 and #5. The comparables sold from March 2019 to June 2020 for prices ranging from \$337,000 to \$530,000 or from \$124.81 to \$200.27 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced assessment of \$152,419.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$185,310. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$556,654 or \$199.66 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 five comparable sales located within .55 of a mile of the subject and within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables consist of two-story dwellings of brick and wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,377 to 3,100 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1972 to 1974, with comparable #5 having an effective age of 1976. Each dwelling has central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a garage containing either 440 or 515 square feet of building area. Three comparables each have an unfinished basement. Comparable #5 has an inground swimming pool. The parcels range in size from 9,520 to 12,000 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from March 2019 to August 2020 for prices ranging from \$557,000 to \$605,000 or from \$181.61 to \$244.01 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 ten comparable sales to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #1, #3, and #5 due to differences in dwelling size, inground swimming pool amenity, or foundation type when compared to the subject. The Board also gives reduced weight to board of review comparables #3, #4, and #5 due to their dissimilar foundations or swimming pool amenity which the subject lacks.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellant's comparable sales #2 and #4 along with board of review comparable sales #1 and #2 which are similar to the subject in age, dwelling size, and features, noting that appellant comparable #2 has finished basement area suggesting a downward adjustment would be required to make it more equivalent to the subject. These most similar comparables sold for prices ranging from \$485,000 to \$605,000 or from

\$171.74 to \$210.07 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$556,654 or \$199.66 per square foot of living area, including land, which is within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. 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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