



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

APPELLANT: Daniel Murphy
DOCKET NO.: 20-04614.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-07-101-014

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Daniel Murphy, 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 ***a reduction*** 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: \$69,837
IMPR.: \$200,588
TOTAL: \$270,425

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 2-story dwelling of brick exterior construction with 6,201 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1988 and has a reported effective age of 1991. Features of the home include a full walk-out basement, central air conditioning, four fireplaces and a 1,058 square foot garage. The property has a 44,170 square foot site and is located in North Barrington, Ela 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 with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and located within .37 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 31,710 to 57,320 square feet of land area. The

appellant reported the comparables are improved with 1-story,¹ 2-story or 2.5-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 4,649 to 6,654 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1988 to 1990 with comparable #4 having a reported effective age of 1992. The comparables each have a full or partial basement, one of which is a walk-out. Each comparable has central air conditioning, two or three fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 872 to 1,261 square feet of building area. Comparable #3 has an inground swimming pool. The comparables sold from November 2019 to June 2020 for prices ranging from \$525,000 to \$840,000 or from \$92.75 to \$126.24 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$228,009, which would reflect a market value of \$684,095 or \$110.32 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 \$279,017. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$838,141 or \$135.16 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 with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and located within .69 of a mile from the subject property. The board of review's comparable #1 is the same property as the appellant's comparable #4. The comparables have sites that range in size from 32,390 to 46,950 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of brick or wood siding and brick exterior construction ranging in size from 5,050 to 7,139 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built in 1988 or 1990 with comparable #1 having a reported effective age of 1992. Each comparable has a full walk-out basement, central air conditioning, three fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 768 to 1,261 square feet of building area. Comparable #2 has an inground swimming pool. The comparables sold from April to October 2020 for prices ranging from \$820,000 to \$860,000 or from \$120.47 to \$162.38 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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The record contains seven suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration, as one sale was common to the parties. The Board has given less weight to the appellant's comparable #3 and board of review comparables #2 and #3 due to their smaller dwelling sizes when compared

¹ The appellant's comparable #2 has a ground floor area of 1,135 square feet with an above ground area of 5,930 square feet, suggesting the dwelling is part two-story in design.

to the subject. The Board has also given less weight to the appellant's comparable #2 which appears to be an outlier due to its considerably lower sale price of \$92.75 per square foot of living area, including land, when compared to the remaining sales in the record.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the parties' common comparable and the appellant's comparables #1 and #5. The Board finds these three comparables are similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, age and some features. The comparables sold from November 2019 to June 2020 for prices ranging from \$650,000 to \$840,000 or from \$116.95 to \$126.24 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$838,141 or \$135.16 per square foot of living area, including land, which is at the upper end of the range established by the best comparable sales in the record in terms of overall market value and above the comparables on a price per square foot basis. After considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is excessive. Therefore, based on this record the Board finds a reduction in the subject's 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



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: March 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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