



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

APPELLANT: Barry C. Weitzenfeld
DOCKET NO.: 20-05195.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-15-112-019

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Barry C. Weitzenfeld, 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: \$50,132
IMPR.: \$93,441
TOTAL: \$143,573

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 split-level dwelling of brick and wood siding exterior construction with 2,252 above ground square feet of living area.¹ The dwelling was constructed in 1961. Features of the home include a lower level with finished area, central air conditioning, two fireplaces, and a 550 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 11,870 square foot site and is located in Highland Park, Moraine Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on three comparable sales located within 0.75 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 8,298 to 46,400 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings ranging in size from 2,019 to 2,220 square feet of living area that were built from 1947 to 1969, with comparable #2 having an

¹ Some of the descriptive information for the subject was gleaned from the MLS data sheet associated with the sale of the subject March 2021 for \$510,000.

effective year built of 1980. Each comparable has a basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a garage ranging in size from 264 to 484 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from June 2018 to April 2019 for prices ranging from \$410,000 to \$497,500 or from \$184.68 to \$246.41 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$143,573. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$431,280 or \$191.51 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 response to the appeal the board of review submitted a grid analysis of the appellant's comparables disclosing that the comparables are conventional 2-story dwellings and that comparables #2 and #3 have basements with finished area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on five comparable sales located within 0.21 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 11,620 to 14,850 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with split-level dwellings of brick or brick and wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 1,975 to 2,562 above ground square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1956 to 1963, comparables #4 and #5 have an effective year built of 1969 and 1974, respectively. Each comparable has a basement, with three comparables are reported having finished area, central air conditioning and a garage ranging in size from 440 to 572 square feet of building area. Two comparables each have a fireplace. The comparables sold from April 2019 to May 2020 for prices ranging from \$395,000 to \$525,000 or from \$197.11 to \$218.44 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 eight suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board has given less weight to the appellant's comparables #1 and #3, due to their sale dates in 2018, which is less proximate in time to the January 1, 2020 assessment date. The Board has given less weight to the board of review comparables #1 #3 and #4 due to their dissimilar dwelling size when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparable #2, along with the board of review comparables #2 and #5. The Board finds that these comparables are more similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, age and some features. The comparables

sold from April 2019 to April 2020 for prices ranging from \$395,000 to \$487,126 or from \$197.40 to \$218.44 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$431,280 or \$191.51 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range on an overall market value basis and below the range on a per square foot basis by the best comparable sales in the record. 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 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:

April 18, 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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