



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

APPELLANT: Veena Raghavan
DOCKET NO.: 20-05376.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-32-407-021

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Veena Raghavan, 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: \$36,463
IMPR.: \$102,801
TOTAL: \$139,264

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 wood siding exterior construction with 2,240 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1994. Features of the home include a basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 400 square foot garage. The property has a 2,049 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 three comparable sales with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and located within .06 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 1,869 to 1,956 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of frame exterior construction ranging in size from 2,060 to 2,160 square feet of living area that were each built in 1995. The comparables

each have a basement, two of which have finished area.¹ Each comparable has central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 420 square foot garage. The comparables sold in January 2019 or June 2020 for prices ranging from \$355,000 to \$414,900 or from \$164.35 to \$201.41 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's total assessment be reduced to \$136,626, which would reflect a market value of \$409,919 or \$183.00 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 \$139,264. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$418,336 or \$186.76 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 .06 of a mile from the subject property. The board of review's comparables #2 and #3 are the same properties as the appellant's comparables #3 and #2, respectively, which were previously described. The board of review's comparable #1 has a 1,960 square foot site that is improved with a two-story dwelling of wood siding exterior construction with 2,060 square feet of living area. The dwelling was built in 1994 and has a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 420 square foot garage. This comparable sold in March 2021 for \$423,000 or \$205.34 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 record contains four suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration, as two sales were common to the parties. The Board has given less weight to board of review comparable #1 as it sold 15 months after the assessment date issue and is thus less likely to be indicative of the subject's market value as of January 1, 2020.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be parties' remaining comparables, which includes the two common comparables. The Board finds these comparables sold most proximate in time to the assessment date at issue and are similar to the subject in location, design and age. However, the Board finds the comparables site sizes and dwelling sizes are somewhat smaller than the subject's site size and dwelling size. Additionally, two comparables have finished

¹ The appellant provided the listing sheet for comparable #3 which disclosed the dwelling was rehabbed in 2018 and it has a finished basement.

basements, unlike the subject. Nevertheless, the comparables sold in January 2019 or June 2020 for prices ranging from \$355,000 to \$414,900 or from \$164.35 to \$201.41 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$418,336 or \$186.76 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls above the range established by the best comparable sales in the record in terms of overall market value, but within the range on a price per square foot basis. The Board finds the subject's higher overall market value appears to be justified given its somewhat larger site size and dwelling size. 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: 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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