



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

APPELLANT: Madhulika Saxena & Sandeep Chandra
DOCKET NO.: 20-08188.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 09-14-210-005

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Madhulika Saxena & Sandeep Chandra, the appellants, by Jessica Hill-Magiera, Attorney at Law in Lake Zurich; and the DuPage 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 **DuPage** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$125,070
IMPR.: \$252,370
TOTAL: \$377,440

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellants timely filed the appeal from a decision of the DuPage 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 construction¹ with 4,850 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2005. Features of the home include a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a 728 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 17,400 square foot site and is located in Hinsdale, Downers Grove Township, DuPage County.

The appellants contend overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellants submitted information on three comparable sales located within 0.52 of a mile, and in the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are reported to have sites ranging

¹ The Board finds the best description of the subject is found in the property record card provided by the board of review.

in size from 10,972 to 11,100 square feet of land area². The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of brick or frame exterior construction ranging in size from 4,009 to 4,599 square feet of living area that were built in either 2004 or 2019. Each comparable is reported to have a basement, two with finished area, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 628 to 762 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from January to November 2019 for prices ranging from \$835,000 to \$1,170,000 or from \$194.55 to \$254.40 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellants 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 \$418,670. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$1,253,503 or \$258.45 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2020 three-year average median level of assessment for DuPage County of 33.40% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review, through the township assessor, submitted information on three comparable sales located within 0.48 of a mile, and in the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 12,240 to 13,300 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of or brick or frame exterior construction ranging in size from 3,732 to 4,246 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built in either 2006 or 2015. Each comparable has a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a garage ranging in size from 639 to 781 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from August 2018 to January 2020 for prices ranging from \$988,000 to \$1,165,000 or from \$259.07 to \$312.08 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

In rebuttal, the appellants argued that the board of review comparables should be given less weight due to dissimilar dwelling size and/or remote sale date when compared to the subject.

Conclusion of Law

The appellants contend 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 appellants met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The record contains six suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board has given less weight to the board of review comparables due to their difference in dwelling size when compared to the subject and/or for their remote sale date occurring in 2018, which is less proximate in time to the January 1, 2020 assessment date given other sales available in the record.

² The Board finds additional details regarding the comparables not reported by the appellants were found in the board of review's evidence.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellants' comparables. The Board finds these comparables sold proximate in time to the assessment date at issue and are more similar to the subject in location, design, age, dwelling size and some features. The comparables sold for prices ranging from \$835,000 to \$1,170,000 or from \$194.55 to \$254.40 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$1,253,503 or \$258.45 per square foot of living area, including land, which is greater than the best comparable sales in the record. 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 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



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:

May 16, 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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