



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

APPELLANT: Derek Zakowski
DOCKET NO.: 21-00759.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-32-305-016

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Derek Zakowski, 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: \$27,325
IMPR.: \$102,662
TOTAL: \$129,987

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 2021 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 wood siding exterior construction with 2,136 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1970. Features of the home include a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 440 square foot garage. The property has a 11,450 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 five comparable sales located within 0.48 of a mile from the subject. The parcels range in size from 8,770 to 14,850 square feet of land area and are improved with 2-story homes of wood siding exterior construction with 2,136 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1970 to 1972. Four homes have a crawl space foundation and one home has a basement. Each home has central air conditioning, a fireplace,

and a 440 square foot garage. The comparables sold from January 2020 to January 2021 for prices ranging from \$280,000 to \$320,000 or from \$131.09 to \$149.81 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 \$129,987. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$390,938 or \$183.02 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2021 three year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.25% 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 0.86 of a mile from the subject. The parcels range in size from 8,770 to 12,760 square feet of land area and are improved with 2-story homes of wood siding exterior construction with 2,136 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1970 to 1973. Each home has a basement, two of which have finished area, central air conditioning, and a 440 square foot garage. Four homes have a fireplace. The comparables sold from July 2020 to November 2021 for prices ranging from \$370,000 to \$425,000 or from \$173.22 to \$198.97 per square foot of living area, including land.

The board of review submitted a brief contending that the subject is located in a neighborhood of tract homes. The board of review further contended the appellant's comparable #5 sold in an "as is" condition as described in a listing sheet for this property presented by the board of review.

Based on this evidence the board of review requested an increase in the subject's assessment to \$135,266 which would reflect a market value of \$406,815 or \$190.46 per square foot of living area, including land, when using the 2021 three year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.25% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

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 evidence does not support a reduction or an increase in the subject's assessment.

The record contains a total of ten comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #1 through #4, which each have a crawl space foundation compared to the subject's basement. The Board also gives less weight to the appellant's comparable #5 and the board of review's comparables #1, #2, and #3, which lack finished basement area that is a feature of the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the board of review's comparables #4 and #5, which are identical to the subject in dwelling size and similar to the subject in age,

location, site size, and features. These two most similar comparables sold for prices of \$370,000 and \$420,000 or for \$173.22 and \$196.63 per square foot of living area, including land, respectively. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$390,938 or \$183.02 per square foot of living area, including land, which is bracketed by the best comparable sales in this record.

Based on this evidence and after considering appropriate adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds neither a reduction nor an increase 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:

August 22, 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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