



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

APPELLANT: Inderjit Saini
DOCKET NO.: 21-01131.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 09-13-213-006

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Inderjit Saini, 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: \$26,888
IMPR.: \$91,800
TOTAL: \$118,688

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 two-story dwelling of vinyl siding exterior construction with 3,124 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2003. Features of the home include a full basement with 1,224 square feet of finished area, central air conditioning and a 520 square foot garage. The property has a 11,060 square foot site and is located in Wauconda, Wauconda 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 that have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and are located within .57 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 9,910 to 13,440 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of vinyl siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,948 to 3,748 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 2003 to

2005. The comparables each have a basement, one of which has 286 square feet of finished area. Each comparable has central air conditioning, a fireplace and a garage ranging in size from 500 to 580 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from June 2020 to February 2021 for prices ranging from \$220,000 to \$325,000 or from \$70.42 to \$95.93 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 \$118,688. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$356,956 or \$114.26 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 that have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and are located within .32 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 9,750 to 23,150 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of vinyl siding or vinyl siding and brick exterior construction ranging in size from 2,827 to 3,226 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 2003 to 2005. The comparables each have a basement, three of which have finished area ranging in size from 1,004 to 1,574 square feet. Each comparable has central air conditioning and a garage ranging in size from 546 to 700 square feet of building area. Four comparables each have one fireplace. The comparables sold from July 2020 to August 2021 for prices ranging from \$325,000 to \$400,000 or from \$106.21 to \$132.65 per square foot of living area, including land.

The board of review submitted a memorandum critiquing the appellant's comparables. The board of review argued that the appellant's comparables #2 and #3 were "priced to sell," offered buyer credits, and only accepted as-is contracts suggesting these properties need work and the appellant's comparables #4 and #5 were short sales. The board of review contends that there were other sales of non-distressed properties available that better represent the average home. The board of review asserted that the county comparables' median, mode and model match values all indicate that the subject is valued appropriately.

Based on this evidence, the board of review requested no change in 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 ten suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board has given less weight to the appellant's comparables, as well as board of review comparables #1 and #2 which have less basement finished area, if any, when compared to the subject.

Furthermore, the appellant's comparable #3 has a larger dwelling size and board of review comparable #1 has a larger site size when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be board of review comparables #2, #3 and #4, which are similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, design and age. Additionally, each dwelling has finished basement area that is similar in size to the subject's finished basement area. The comparables sold in July and October 2020 for prices ranging from \$325,000 to \$375,000 or from \$106.21 to \$132.65 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$356,956 or \$114.26 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established 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 estimated market value as reflected by its 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



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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: June 27, 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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