

FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Glenn Wagner
DOCKET NO.: 21-01467.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 05-24-402-025

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Glenn Wagner, the appellant, by attorney Gregory Riggs, of Tax Appeals Lake County in Lake Zurich; 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: \$14,602 **IMPR.:** \$78,569 **TOTAL:** \$93,171

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 is improved with a 2-story dwelling of frame exterior construction with 2,506 square feet of living area. The dwelling was built in 2001. Features of the home include a walkout basement with finished area, central air conditioning, one fireplace, and a 506 square foot attached garage. The property has an approximately 11,095 square foot site and is located in Round Lake, Grant Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on five equity comparables with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property and located within 0.82 of a mile from the subject. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of frame exterior construction ranging in size from 2,504 to 2,741 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 2000 to 2004. The comparables each have a finished basement with

two being walkout style. Each comparable has central air conditioning and an attached garage ranging in size from 440 to 546 square feet of building area. Four comparables each have one fireplace. The improvement assessments on these properties range from \$67,748 to \$83,723 or from \$27.06 to \$30.54 per square foot of living area. The appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$74,428 or \$29.70 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$93,171. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$78,569 or \$31.35 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on five equity comparables with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property and located within 0.90 miles from the subject. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of frame exterior construction ranging in size from 2,474 to 2,724 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 2001 to 2004. Each comparable has a walkout basement with four having finished area, central air conditioning, one fireplace, and an attached garage ranging in size from 440 to 601 square feet of building area. The improvement assessments on these properties range from \$75,991 to \$82,803 or from \$30.30 to \$31.92 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

Conclusion of Law

The appellant contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. When unequal treatment in the assessment process is the basis of the appeal, the inequity of the assessments must be proved by clear and convincing evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of unequal treatment in the assessment process should consist of documentation of the assessments for the assessment year in question of not less than three comparable properties showing the similarity, proximity and lack of distinguishing characteristics of the assessment comparables to the subject property. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(b). The Board finds the appellant did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted information on ten comparables to support their respective positions. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #1, #2, and #4 as well as board of review comparable #5 which differ from the subject in basement style or lack basement finish, a feature of the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the parties' six remaining comparables which each have finished walkout style basements, like the subject, as well as being similar to the subject in location, design, age, dwelling size, and other features. These comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$74,544 to \$83,723 or from \$29.70 to \$31.92 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$78,569 or \$31.35 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not 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.

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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.

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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 <u>PETITION AND EVIDENCE</u> 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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