



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

APPELLANT: Matthew Forsthoefel
DOCKET NO.: 21-01670.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 07-26-103-015

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Matthew Forsthoefel, 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: \$19,078
IMPR.: \$90,607
TOTAL: \$109,685

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 2,511 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1990. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace, a partially finished attic and a 620 square foot garage. The property has an 11,200 square foot site and is located in Gurnee, Warren 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 in the same neighborhood code as the subject and within .27 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 10,350 to 12,830 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,513 to 2,776 square feet of living area that were in either 1992 or 1993. The appellant reported that each comparable has a basement, four with finished area, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a garage ranging in size from 420 to 572 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from

September 2019 to November 2020 for prices ranging from \$320,000 to \$365,000 or from \$119.65 to \$131.48 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 \$109,685. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$329,880 or \$131.37 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 seven comparable sales located in the same neighborhood code as the subject and within .25 of a mile from the subject property. Comparables #4 and #5 are the same properties as the appellant's comparables #3 and #1, respectively. The comparables have sites that range in size from 9,670 to 23,520 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction that range in size from 2,513 to 2,878 square feet of living area and were built from 1990 to 1993. Each comparable has a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, either one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 420 to 630 square feet of building area. Comparable #2 has an inground swimming pool. The comparables sold from September 2019 to March 2021 for prices ranging from \$329,900 to \$410,000 or from \$131.28 to \$161.04 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 ten suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration, with two comparables being common to both parties. The Board has given less weight to appellant's comparable #5 along with board of review comparable #2 due to their sale date occurring in 2019, less proximate in time to the January 1, 2021, assessment date than other comparables in the record. The Board gave reduced weight to board of review comparables #1 and #3 due to their dissimilar site size and/or dwelling size when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparables #1 through #4 as well as board of review comparables #4 through #7, which includes the two common comparables. The Board finds that these comparables sold more proximate in time and are relatively similar to the subject in location, design, dwelling size, and some features. However, eight of the nine best comparables have basement finish, compared to the subject's unfinished basement, suggesting downward adjustments would be required to make the comparables more equivalent to the subject. Nevertheless, the comparables sold from February to November 2020 for prices ranging from \$320,000 and \$410,000 or from \$119.65 to \$161.04 per square foot of

living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$329,880 or \$131.37 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range of 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 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:

January 16, 2024



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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