



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

APPELLANT: Stanley Peters
DOCKET NO.: 21-01751.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 12-31-303-010

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Stanley Peters, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld, of Robert H. Rosenfeld & Associates, LLC 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 a reduction 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: \$112,299
IMPR.: \$262,921
TOTAL: \$375,220

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 part 1-story and part 2-story¹ dwelling of brick exterior construction with 4,595 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1995 and is approximately 26 years old. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and an 840 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 30,490 square foot site and is located in Lake Forrest, Shields Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on four comparable sales located within .66 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 25,700 to 80,150 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with either 1.5-story or 2-story dwellings of brick, stucco or wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 3,783 to 5,124 square feet of

¹ The Board finds the best description of the subject property was found in the property record card submitted by the board of review which contains a sketch diagram with dimensions and area calculations.

living area that range in age from 23 to 34 years old. The appellant reported that each comparable has a basement, three with finished area, central air conditioning, one to four fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 690 to 1,113 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from February 2020 to January 2021 for prices ranging from \$750,000 to \$975,000 or from \$190.28 to \$222.05 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 \$399,960. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$1,202,887 or \$261.78 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 .60 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 26,140 to 80,070 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with either 2-story or 2.5-story dwellings of brick, brick and stone or brick and wood siding exterior construction that range in size from 3,730 to 5,297 square feet of living area that were built from 1987 to 2000. Each comparable has a basement, four with finished area, central air conditioning, one to four fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 736 to 1,173 square feet of building area. Comparable #3 has an inground swimming pool. The comparables sold from July 2020 to August 2021 for prices ranging from \$1,050,000 to \$1,335,000 or from \$250.00 to \$341.82 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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The record contains nine suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board has given less weight to the appellant's comparables #1, #2 and #4 along with board of review comparables #1, #2 and #3 due to their dissimilar dwelling sizes or larger site sizes when compared to the subject. Furthermore, board of review comparable #3 has an inground swimming pool, a feature the subject lacks.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparable #3 along with the board of review comparables #4 and #5. The Board finds that these comparables are relatively similar to the subject in location, site size, age, and some features. However, one of the board of review comparables has basement finished area, a feature the subject lacks, suggesting a downward adjustment would be required to make this comparable more equivalent to the subject. Nevertheless, the comparables sold from February 2020 to August 2021 for prices ranging from \$900,000 to \$1,135,000 or from \$203.39 to \$260.86 per square foot of living area, including

land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$1,202,887 or \$261.78 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls above 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 a reduction in the subject's assessment 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:

November 21, 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.

PARTIES OF RECORD

AGENCY

State of Illinois
Property Tax Appeal Board
William G. Stratton Building, Room 402
401 South Spring Street
Springfield, IL 62706-4001

APPELLANT

Stanley Peters, by attorney:
Robert Rosenfeld
Robert H. Rosenfeld & Associates, LLC
33 North Dearborn Street
Suite 1850
Chicago, IL 60602

COUNTY

Lake County Board of Review
Lake County Courthouse
18 North County Street, 7th Floor
Waukegan, IL 60085