



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

APPELLANT: Sigrid Thompson
DOCKET NO.: 21-02126.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 13-16-203-023

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Sigrid Thompson, 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 **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: \$38,654
IMPR.: \$106,886
TOTAL: \$145,540

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 2,448 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1971 and is approximately 50 years old. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces, and a 621 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 41,548 square foot site and is located in Lake Barrington, Cuba 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 the same neighborhood code as the subject property and from 1.69 to 2.86 miles from the subject. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 40,069 to 41,786 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,359 to 2,936 square feet of living area. The homes range in age from 43 to 51 years old. The

comparables each have a basement with one having finished area. Each comparable has central air conditioning, one fireplace, and a garage ranging in size from 431 to 650 square feet of building area. The properties sold from July 2020 to February 2021 for prices ranging from \$335,000 to \$435,000 or from \$142.01 to \$160.49 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$122,406 which reflects a market value of \$367,255 or \$150.02 per square foot of living area, land included, when applying the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$145,540. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$437,714 or \$178.80 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 0.88 of a mile from the subject and with one of these located within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 40,490 to 57,060 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with ranch-style or 2-story dwellings of brick, wood siding, or wood siding and brick exterior construction ranging in size from 1,970 to 2,748 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1967 to 1977 and thus would range in age from approximately 44 to 54 years old. Comparable #1 has an effective year built of 1976. Each comparable has a basement with three having finished area, central air conditioning, and a garage that ranges in size from 504 to 1,188 square feet of building area. Four comparables each have one or two fireplaces. Comparable #1 has a fully finished attic. The properties sold from March 2020 to October 2021 for prices ranging from \$439,000 to \$469,000 or from \$170.67 to \$225.89 per square foot of living area, land included. 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 nine suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparable #3 as well as board of review comparables #2, #3, and #5 which differ from the subject in dwelling size and/or basement finish. The Board also gives less weight to board of review comparable #1 which is a ranch-style dwelling, unlike the 2-story design of the subject, and also has a fully finished attic, unlike the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the parties' remaining comparables which are similar to the subject in location, design, age, dwelling size, and features. The four properties sold from March 2020 to February 2021 for prices ranging from \$335,000 to \$469,000

or from \$142.01 to \$170.67 per square foot of living area, land included. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$437,714 or \$178.80 per square foot of living area, land included, which falls within the range established by the best comparable sales in the record on an overall market value basis but slightly above the range on a price per square foot basis. Based on this evidence and after considering adjustments to the comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the appellant failed to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that a reduction in the subject's assessment is justified based on overvaluation.

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.

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