



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

APPELLANT: Christopher Wilder
DOCKET NO.: 21-03347.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 13-09-103-021

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Christopher Wilder, the appellant, by attorney Ryan Schaeffges, of the Law Office of Ryan Schaeffges, P.C. in Wheeling; 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: \$37,203
IMPR.: \$150,024
TOTAL: \$187,227

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.¹

Findings of Fact

The subject property consists of a two-story dwelling of brick and wood siding exterior construction with 3,508 square feet of living area that was constructed in 2005. Features of the home include a basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace, an inground swimming pool and a 975 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 39,990 square foot site and is located in Cary, 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 0.25 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 45,120 to 57,970 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings of frame exterior construction

¹ The originally scheduled hearing was waived by the appellant in lieu of a decision to be written on the evidence without objection from the board of review.

ranging in size from 3,256 to 3,458 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 2002 to 2007. Each comparable has a basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a garage ranging in size from 692 to 939 square feet of building area. The properties sold from July 2019 to February 2020 for prices ranging from \$400,000 to \$539,000 or from \$115.67 to \$158.67 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's total assessment be reduced to \$160,000 which reflects a market value of \$480,048 or \$136.84 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 \$187,227. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$563,089 or \$160.52 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 0.29 of a mile from the subject property. Board of review comparable #2 is the same property as the appellant's comparable #3, although the board of review presents a 2021 sale while the appellant submitted a 2019 sale. The comparables have sites that range in size from 43,260 to 61,780 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings that have a mixture of brick, wood siding, and stone exterior construction ranging in size from 3,037 to 4,009 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 2003 to 2006. Each comparable has a basement, with two having finished area. Each dwelling has central air conditioning, one fireplace and a garage ranging in size from 804 to 939 square feet of building area. Comparables #3 and #4 each have an inground swimming pool. The properties sold from June 2020 to August 2021 for prices ranging from \$525,000 to \$660,000 or from \$164.63 to \$187.63 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the subject's assessment be confirmed.

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 comparable sales for the Board's consideration, including a common property with two sale dates. The Board gives less weight to appellant comparables #2, #3 and #4 which sold in 2019, less proximate to the January 1, 2021 assessment date than other properties in the record. The Board gives less weight to appellant comparable #1 and board of review comparables #1, #2 and #5, all of which lack an inground swimming pool feature in contrast to the subject property.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be board of review comparables #3 and #4 which sold proximate in time to the January 1, 2021 assessment date and are more similar to the

subject in location, age, dwelling size, inground swimming pool and other features. These two best comparables sold in June and September 2020 for prices of \$600,000 and \$660,000 or for \$164.63 and \$174.62 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$563,089 or \$160.52 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls below the two best comparable sales in this record. After considering appropriate adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds the subject's assessment is justified and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not 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.

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