



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

APPELLANT: Tihomir Nedeljkovic
DOCKET NO.: 21-04212.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 07-18-307-004

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Tihomir Nedeljkovic, the appellant, by attorney Ronald Kingsley, of Lake County Real Estate Tax Appeal, LLC in Hawthorn Woods, 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: \$20,893
IMPR.: \$78,835
TOTAL: \$99,728

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 two-story dwelling of wood frame exterior construction with 1,894 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1996. Features of the home include a basement, central air conditioning and a 420 square foot garage. The property has a 10,019 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 within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and four of the properties are within .64 of a mile from the subject; no proximity information was provided for comparable #5. The parcels range in size from 9,583 to 10,890 square feet of land area and are each improved with a two-story dwelling of wood frame exterior construction. The homes were built between 1993 and 1996 and range in size from 1,694 to 1,886 square feet of living area. Each comparable has a basement, central air

conditioning, a fireplace and a garage of either 400 or 441 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from January to November 2020 for prices ranging from \$255,000 to \$280,000 or from \$141.51 to \$155.38 per square foot of living area, including land. The appellant further reported that comparable #5 was a recent rehab. To support this assertion, the appellant provided a copy of the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) data sheet which reported the property was rehabbed in 2020.

Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a total assessment of \$91,534 which would reflect a market value of \$274,629 or \$145.00 per square foot of living area, including land, 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 \$99,728. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$299,934 or \$158.36 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 the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and are from .73 to .97 of a mile from the subject. The parcels range in size from 7,410 to 12,200 square feet of land area and are each improved with a two-story dwelling of wood frame exterior construction. The homes were built in 1994 or 1995 and range in size from 1,768 to 1,875 square feet of living area. Each comparable has a basement, three of which have finished area, central air conditioning and a garage of either 400 or 441 square feet of building area. Two comparables each have a fireplace. The comparables sold from May to December 2021 for prices ranging from \$307,000 to \$345,000 or from \$167.21 to \$184.00 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 justified.

The parties submitted a total of ten comparable sales to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board has given reduced weight to appellant's comparable #2 and #4 which were each slightly older than the subject dwelling constructed in 1996. The Board has also given reduced weight to board of review comparables #2, #4 and #5, each of which feature finished basement area which is not a feature of the subject dwelling.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellant's comparable sales #1, #3 and #5 along with board of review comparable sales #1 and #3 which are most similar to the subject

in age, dwelling size and several features. These most similar comparables sold from July 2020 to December 2021 for prices ranging from \$255,000 to \$330,000 or from \$141.51 to \$182.62 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$299,934 or \$158.36 per square foot of living area, including land, which is within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record both in terms of overall value and on a per-square-foot basis. To further narrow the considerations, the Board has made an analysis which removes the low and high sale prices from the foregoing range of comparables which results in a sales price range from \$260,000 to \$315,000 or from \$147.06 to \$168.00 per square foot of living area, including land, which further supports the estimated market value of the subject property based upon its assessment.

Based on the foregoing evidence and analysis, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted on this record.

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: March 26, 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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