



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

APPELLANT: Neal Barg
DOCKET NO.: 21-04782.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-23-201-007

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Neal Barg, the appellant, by attorney Ronald Kingsley, of Lake County Real Estate Tax Appeal, LLC in Lake Forest; 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: \$65,772
IMPR.: \$60,452
TOTAL: \$126,224

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 20,040 square foot site improved with a one-story dwelling of frame construction with 2,144 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1958 but has an effective age of 1960. Features of the home include a crawl-space foundation, central air conditioning, a fireplace and an attached 480 square foot garage. The property is located in Lincolnshire, Vernon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to land only as the basis of the appeal. The improvement assessment is not disputed. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted a grid analysis with information on twelve land equity comparables. The comparable sites are located from .26 to .50 of a mile from the subject site and within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The sites range in size from 18,731 to 22,651 square feet of land area. The comparable sites have land assessments ranging from \$39,463 to \$56,389

or from \$1.93 to \$2.63 per square foot of land area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's land assessment be reduced.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$126,224. The subject property has a land assessment of \$65,772 or \$3.28 per square foot of land area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted a property record card for the subject property along with a grid analysis with information on five land equity comparables located from .25 to .66 of a mile from the subject and within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables each have sites containing 20,040 square feet of land area which are identical in size to the subject parcel. The comparables each have land assessments of \$65,772 or \$3.28 per square foot of land area which is also identical to the subject's land assessment. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the subject's land assessment be confirmed.

Conclusion of Law

The taxpayer contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. When unequal treatment in the assessment process is the basis of the appeal, the inequity of the assessments must be proved by clear and convincing evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of unequal treatment in the assessment process should consist of documentation of the assessments for the assessment year in question of not less than three comparable properties showing the similarity, proximity and lack of distinguishing characteristics of the assessment comparables to the subject property. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(b). The Board finds the appellant did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted a total of seventeen land equity comparables in support of their positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board gave most weight to appellant's comparables #1 and #8, along with board of review comparables which were each identical in size to the subject parcel, are in close proximity to the subject, and are located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. These most similar comparables in the record have land assessments ranging from \$39,463 to \$65,772 or from \$1.97 to \$3.28 per square foot of land area. The subject's land assessment of \$65,772 or \$3.28 per square foot of land area falls within the range established by the most similar comparables in this record both in terms of overall land assessment and on a per square foot of land area basis. Additionally, removing the comparable with the lowest land assessment leaves five of the six comparables with identical site sizes and identical land assessments as the subject property. Based on the evidence in this record, the Board finds that the appellant did not establish by clear and convincing evidence that the subject's land is inequitably assessed and, therefore, 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:

July 18, 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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