

FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Vladimir Kupchan DOCKET NO.: 21-05010.001-R-1 PARCEL NO.: 15-33-202-005

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Vladimir Kupchan, 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: \$27,252 **IMPR.:** \$84,331 **TOTAL:** \$111,583

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 split-level dwelling of frame exterior construction with 1,379 square feet of above grade living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1986. Features of the home include a lower level with finished area, central air conditioning and a 440 square foot garage. The property has a 7,500 square foot site and is located in Prairie View, Vernon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity, with respect to the land assessment, as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on 12 equity comparables located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables have sites that range in size from 7,500 to 8,540 square feet of land area. The comparables have land assessments that range from \$14,247 to \$19,327 or from \$1.73 to \$2.40 per square foot of

land area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's total assessment be reduced to \$98,956 with a land assessment of \$14,625 or \$1.95 per square foot of land area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$111,583. The subject has a land assessment of \$27,252 or \$3.63 per square foot of land area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on five equity comparables located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 7,500 to 11,520 square feet of land area. The comparables have land assessments that range from \$24,346 to \$27,460 or from \$2.11 to \$3.63 per square foot of land area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the subject's assessment be confirmed.

Conclusion of Law

The appellant 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 17 assessment comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to appellant comparables #1 through #9 and #12 along with board of review comparables #4 and #5 which are less similar to the subject in site size.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity are appellant comparables #10 and #11 and board of review comparables #1, #2 and #3 which are identical or nearly identical to the subject in location and site size. These best comparables have land assessments of \$14,988 and \$27,252 or for \$2.00 and \$3.63 per square foot of land area. The subject property has a land assessment of \$27,252 or \$3.63 per square foot of land area which is equal to three of the five best comparables in the record. The Board notes that only location and site size information was presented by the parties for their respective comparables and additional other factors, which can influence assessment of a site, were not found in the record. After considering adjustments to the comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's land assessment is not supported.

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.

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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.

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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 <u>PETITION AND EVIDENCE</u> 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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