



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

APPELLANT: Sruthi Ramineni
DOCKET NO.: 22-00574.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-15-305-018

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Sruthi Ramineni, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld, of Robert H. Rosenfeld & Associates, LLC in Northbrook; 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: \$47,204
IMPR.: \$211,188
TOTAL: \$258,392

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 2022 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 4,018 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2016 and is approximately 6 years old. Features of the home include an unfinished lookout basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace, and a garage with 798 square feet of building area.¹ The property has an approximately 18,125 square foot site and is located in Hawthorn Woods, Ela Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables located in the subject's assessment neighborhood code. The comparables are

¹ Property characteristics not disclosed by the appellant were gleaned from the evidence presented by the board of review.

improved with 2-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 3,858 to 4,241 square feet of living area. The dwellings range in age from 8 to 10 years old. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, and a garage ranging in size from 683 to 883 square feet of building area. Three comparables each have one fireplace. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$167,435 to \$194,417 or from \$43.40 to \$49.05 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment to \$185,732 or \$46.22 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$258,392. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$211,188 or \$52.56 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on fifteen equity comparables located in the subject's assessment neighborhood code. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of frame exterior construction ranging in size from 3,688 to 4,296 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 2014 to 2017 and thus would range in age from approximately 5 to 8 years old. The comparables each have an unfinished basement, with seven of these being described as a walkout style. Each comparable has central air conditioning, one fireplace, and a garage ranging in size from 683 to 795 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$203,620 to \$236,802 or from \$52.83 to \$56.02 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

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 a total of nineteen equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board finds the parties' comparables to each be similar to the subject in location, design, age, dwelling size, and most features. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$167,435 to \$236,802 or from \$43.40 to \$56.02 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$211,188 or \$52.56 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the comparables in this record. Based on this record and after considering adjustments to the comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement is inequitably assessed 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:

May 21, 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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