

FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Yuanhe Li

DOCKET NO.: 22-00936.001-R-1 PARCEL NO.: 15-21-219-034

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Yuanhe Li, 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: \$41,145 **IMPR.:** \$97,035 **TOTAL:** \$138,180

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 is improved with a two-story dwelling of frame construction containing 1,784 square feet of living area. The dwelling was built in 2006 and is approximately 16 years old. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, $2\frac{1}{2}$ bathrooms, and an attached garage with 420 square feet of building area. The property is in Buffalo Grove, Vernon 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 improved with two-story dwellings of wood siding or brick exterior construction that have either 1,636 or 1,983 square feet of living area. The homes are 16 years old. Each comparable has a full or partial basement with one

¹ Copies of photographs of the subject property submitted by the board of review depict an attached two-story dwelling.

having finished area, central air conditioning, 2½ or 3½ bathrooms, and an attached garage with 420 square feet of building area. Comparable #3 has one fireplace. The comparables are located along the same street, within the same block, and within .04 of a mile of the subject property. The sales occurred from January 2021 to April 2022 for prices ranging from \$315,000 to \$440,000 or from \$192.54 to \$221.89 per square foot of living area, including land. The appellant requested the subject's total assessment be reduced to \$124,151.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$138,180. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$414,581 or \$232.39 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.²

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on three comparable sales improved with two-story dwellings of frame construction each with 1,784 square feet of living area. The homes were built in 2006 and 2007. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, 2½ bathrooms, and an attached garage with 420 square feet of building area. The comparables are located in the same neighborhood, along the same street, and within .13 of a mile of the subject property. The sales occurred from September 2021 to March 2022 for prices ranging from \$417,000 to \$432,000 or from \$233.74 to \$242.15 per square foot of living area, including land.

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 parties submitted information on seven comparable sales that are similar to the subject in location, style, age, and size. The Board gives less weight to appellant's comparable sale #3 as this property has an additional bathroom, a fireplace, and finished basement area, which is dissimilar to the subject dwelling. The six remaining comparables are more similar to the subject in features and sold for prices ranging from \$315,000 to \$432,000 or from \$192,54 to \$242.15 per square foot of living area, including land. The three best comparables in terms of dwelling size were provided by the board of review as each home has 1,784 square feet of living area, the same as the subject dwelling. These three properties sold for prices ranging from \$417,000 to \$432,000 or from \$233.74 to \$242.15 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$414,581 or \$232.39 per square foot of living area, including land, which is within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record and is slightly below the range established by the best comparables in terms of dwelling size. Based on this evidence the Board finds the assessment of the subject property as

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² Property Tax Appeal Board procedural rule section 1910.50(c)(1) provides that in all counties other than Cook, the three-year county wide assessment level as certified by the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) will be considered. 86 Ill.Admin.Code Sec. 1910.50(c)(1). As of the development of this Final Administrative Decision, the IDOR has not published figures for tax year 2022.

established by the board of review is correct and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not justified.

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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