



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

APPELLANT: Patrick Blair
DOCKET NO.: 22-01646.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-27-118-021

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Patrick Blair, 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: \$62,372
IMPR.: \$69,365
TOTAL: \$131,737

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 an approximately 10,950 square foot parcel that is improved with a 2-story dwelling of wood siding construction with 1,818 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1927 and has an effective age of construction of 1941. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a garage containing 528 square feet of building area. The subject property is located in Highland Park, Moraine Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to land only as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted a grid analysis with information on twelve land equity comparables located within .84 of a mile from the subject and within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables are described as improved sites each containing from 10,001 to 12,402 square feet of land area. The land

assessments of the comparables range from \$49,500 to \$58,682 or either \$4.73 or \$4.95 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 \$131,737. The subject property has a land assessment of \$62,372 or \$5.70 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 four land equity comparables located within .36 of a mile from the subject and within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables consist of improved sites ranging in size from 7,300 to 9,670 square feet of land area. The comparables have land assessments that range from \$46,249 to \$56,928 or from \$5.89 to \$6.34 per square foot of land area.

Conclusion of Law

The taxpayer contends land 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 land assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted a total of sixteen land equity comparables in support of their positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board gave less weight to appellant's comparable #1 and board of review comparables #1, #3, and #4 based on their differing land sizes relative to the subject parcel. The Board finds the remaining comparables to be reasonably similar to the subject parcel in terms of site size and location. These most similar comparables in the record have land assessments ranging from \$49,500 to \$56,928 or either \$4.95 or \$5.89 per square foot of land area. The subject's land assessment of \$62,372 or \$5.70 per square foot of land area falls above the range established by the most similar land comparables in this record in terms of overall land assessment but within the range on a per square foot of land area basis. On this record, the Board finds that the appellant did not establish by clear and convincing evidence that the subject site is inequitably assessed and, therefore, a reduction in the subject's land 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: February 20, 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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