



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

APPELLANT: James Spernow
DOCKET NO.: 22-01837.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 07-19-401-128

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are James Spernow, 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: \$18,676
IMPR.: \$92,362
TOTAL: \$111,038

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 two-story dwelling of wood siding exterior construction with 2,418 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1997. Features of the home include a basement with finished area,¹ central air conditioning, one fireplace and a 680 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 8,712 square foot site and is located in Grayslake, Warren Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity, with respect to the improvement assessment, as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on twelve comparables located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of wood frame exterior construction ranging in size from

¹ The board of review submitted a copy of the subject's property record card disclosing the home has a basement partially finished with a recreation room, which was not refuted by the appellant in rebuttal.

2,095 to 2,780 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1990 to 1995. Each comparable has a basement, central air conditioning, and a garage ranging in size from 400 to 720 square feet of building area. Eleven comparables each have one fireplace. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$66,488 to \$98,253 or from \$27.62 to \$35.35 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$82,442 or \$34.10 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 \$111,038. The subject has an improvement assessment of \$92,362 or \$38.20 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on ten comparables located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction that range in size from 2,185 to 2,720 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1994 or 1998. Each comparable has a basement with four comparables having finished area, central air conditioning, and a garage ranging in size from 440 to 693 square feet of building area. Nine comparables each have one fireplace. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$83,847 to \$104,017 or from \$38.21 to \$38.37 per square foot of living 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 record contains 22 equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to appellant comparables and board of review comparables #1 through #6, #8 and #10 which were not described as having a basement finish, like the subject, and/or are less similar to the subject in dwelling size than the other comparables in the record.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the board of review's comparables #7 and #9 which are relatively similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, age, basement finish and most features. These two comparables have improvement assessments of \$92,117 and \$100,401 or of \$38.32 and \$38.37 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$92,362 or \$38.20 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record on an overall basis and below these comparables on a per-square-foot basis. After considering appropriate adjustments to the two best comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and

convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed 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.



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: March 26, 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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