



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

APPELLANT: Kulbir Bagri
DOCKET NO.: 23-01734.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 13-24-403-006

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Kulbir Bagri, 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 **a reduction** 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: \$56,752
IMPR.: \$239,727
TOTAL: \$296,479

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 2023 tax year. The Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of the appeal.

Preliminary Matter

This appeal was filed on January 30, 2024 by counsel using the Board's Electronic Filing Portal (EFP) (86 Ill.Admin.Code Sec. 1910.33, effective January 27, 2023). Pursuant to Standing Order #2 issued by the Board on February 14, 2023, the appellant's additional comparable set forth on additional pages, other than the electronic form Sec. V grid analysis, has been "give[n] . . . zero weight" in this decision and will not be discussed further herein. (See also, 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.80)

Findings of Fact

The subject property consists of a two-story dwelling of brick exterior construction with 4,496 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2001 and is approximately 22 years old. Features of the home include a walk-out basement with finished area, central air

conditioning, four fireplaces and a 773 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 92,796 square foot site and is located in North Barrington, Cuba 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 nine equity comparables that have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and are located within .60 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of brick or frame and brick exterior construction ranging in size from 3,910 to 5,157 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1993 to 2006. The comparables each have a basement with finished area, five of which are walk-out or look-out styles. Each comparable has central air conditioning, two to five fireplaces and either one or two garages that have a combined total size ranging from 651 to 1240 square feet.¹ Comparable #6 also has a 343 square foot carport. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$202,068 to \$278,748 or from \$46.26 to \$56.95 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$223,608 or \$49.73 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 \$312,791. The subject has an improvement assessment of \$256,039 or \$56.95 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables that have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property and are located from .09 of a mile to 2.51 miles from the subject property. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of frame, brick or brick and frame exterior construction ranging in size from 4,113 to 4,308 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 2000 to 2021. The comparables each have a basement with finished area and according to the schematic diagrams provided by the board of review four of the five comparables are walk-outs. Each comparable has central air conditioning, one to three fireplaces, and either one or two garages that have a combined total size ranging from 715 to 1,223 square feet.² The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$237,656 to \$247,683 or from \$56.13 to \$60.17 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 taxpayer 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

¹ According to the schematic diagrams provided by the appellant, the comparables have either one or two garages.

² According to the schematic diagrams provided by the board of review, the comparables have either one or two garages.

property. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(b). The Board finds the appellant met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The parties submitted fourteen equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board has given less weight to the appellant's comparables #1, #2, #5, #6 and #7 which differ from the subject in dwelling size or garage size and/or has a carport, unlike the subject. The Board has given reduced weight to board of review comparables #1, #3 and #4 due to their larger garage sizes and/or newer ages, when compared to the subject. Additionally, board of review comparable #4 is located more than two miles away from the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the appellant's comparables #3, #4, #8 and #9, along with board of review comparables #2 and #5, which are similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, age and some features. These best comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$220,187 to \$250,273 or from \$47.07 to \$57.03 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$256,039 or \$56.95 per square foot of living area falls somewhat above the range established by the best comparables in the record and at the higher end of the range on a per square foot basis. After considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds the subject's improvement assessment is excessive. Therefore, based on this record the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is 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: _____

October 15, 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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