

FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Glenn Miller
DOCKET NO.: 23-01736.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-02-101-086

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Glenn Miller, 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: \$36,791 **IMPR.:** \$180,951 **TOTAL:** \$217,742

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.

Findings of Fact

The subject property consists of a two-story dwelling of frame exterior construction with 4,122 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2003 and is approximately 20 years old. Features of the home include a basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace, two garages with a combined total of 965 square feet of building area and an 800 square foot inground swimming pool. The property has an 79,863¹ square foot site and is located in Long Grove, Ela 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 five equity comparables that have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and are

¹ The best description of the subject's site size is found in the subject's property record card provided by the board of review.

located within .16 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of frame exterior construction ranging in size from 3,963 to 4,260 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 2000 to 2004. Each comparable has a basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a garage ranging in size from 651 to 953 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$165,267 to \$176,365 or from \$41.00 to \$42.29 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$171,887 or \$41.70 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 \$217,742. The subject has an improvement assessment of \$180,951 or \$43.90 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on five equity comparables that have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property and are located within .24 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of frame or brick exterior construction ranging in size from 3,704 to 4,383 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 2000 to 2003. Each comparable has a basement, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 660 to 770 square feet of building area. Two comparables each have an inground swimming pool. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$162,377 to \$204,782 or from \$43.84 to \$46.86 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 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 ten equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board finds all the comparables are similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, design, age and some features. However, eight of the ten comparables lack an inground swimming pool, a feature of the subject, suggesting upward adjustments would be required to make these comparables more equivalent to the subject. Nevertheless, the comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$162,377 to \$204,782 or from \$41.00 to \$46.86 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$180,951 or \$43.90 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the comparables in the 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 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.

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| 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 | |
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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 <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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