



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

APPELLANT: Jose Almeida
DOCKET NO.: 21-02727.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 12-28-402-018

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jose Almeida, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld, of Robert H. Rosenfeld & Associates, LLC in Chicago; 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: \$496,026
IMPR.: \$909,231
TOTAL: \$1,405,257

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 2021 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 1.75-story dwelling of stucco exterior construction with 7,052 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2005 and is approximately 16 years old. Features of the home include a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, seven fireplaces, a 910 square foot garage, and an inground swimming pool. The property has an approximately 97,138 square foot site and is located in Lake Forest, Shields Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity concerning the improvement assessment as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables located from 0.20 of a mile to 1.40 miles from the subject and within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are improved with 2-story homes of brick or stone exterior construction ranging in size from 5,508 to 7,818 square feet of

living area. The dwellings range in age from 12 to 15 years old. Each home has a basement, three of which have finished area, central air conditioning, and four to nine fireplaces. Three homes each have a garage ranging in size from 880 to 1,104 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$591,203 to \$865,363 or from \$88.28 to \$110.69 per square foot of living area.

Based on this evidence the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$1,405,257. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$909,231 or \$128.93 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 located from 0.78 of a mile to 1.29 miles from the subject and within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are improved with 1.75-story or 2-story homes of brick exterior construction ranging in size from 5,645 to 7,650 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 2006 to 2013. Each home has a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, one to seven fireplaces, and one or two garages ranging in size from 726 to 936 square feet of building area. Two homes each have an attic with finished area. Comparable #3 has an inground swimming pool. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$752,237 to \$994,948 or from \$123.11 to \$145.70 per square foot of living area.

Based on this evidence the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

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 a total of eight equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #2 and #3 and the board of review's comparables #2 and #4, due to substantial differences from the subject in dwelling size, basement finish, and/or garage count and which are located more than one mile from the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the appellant's comparables #1 and #4 and the board of review's comparables #1 and #3, which are more similar to the subject in dwelling size, age, location, and features, although three of these comparables lack an inground swimming pool that is feature of the subject, suggesting upward adjustments to these comparables would be needed to make them more equivalent to the subject. These most similar

comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$643,623 to \$994,948 or from \$88.28 to \$130.06 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$909,231 or \$128.93 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record and after considering appropriate adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject, such as inground swimming pool amenity, 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:

September 19, 2023



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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