



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

APPELLANT: Robert Hoffman  
DOCKET NO.: 16-03079.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 15-18-403-001

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Robert Hoffman, the appellants, by attorney Ronald Kingsley, of Lake County Real Estate Tax Appeal, LLC in Lake Forest; 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:** \$43,811  
**IMPR.:** \$191,570  
**TOTAL:** \$235,381

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 2016 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 brick exterior construction with 3,979 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1986 and remodeled in 2015. Features of the home include a partial basement with finished area, central air conditioning, 2 fireplaces, a 1,945 square foot vaulted atrium with inground pool area with radiant heated floors and an 816 square foot attached garage. The property has a 43,996 square foot site and is located in Long Grove, Vernon Township, Lake County.

The appellant's appeal is based on overvaluation. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on five comparable sales located from .13 to .8 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are described as two-story dwellings of frame or brick exterior construction that ranged in size from 3,513 to 4,322 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 1984 to 1987. Features of the comparables include basements in which

two comparables have finished area, central air conditioning, two or three fireplaces and attached garages that range from 638 to 859 square feet of building area. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 45,302 to 53,579 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from January 2015 to December 2015 for prices ranging from \$535,000 to \$810,000 or from \$127.26 to \$188.99 per square foot of living area including land. Based on this evidence, the appellants requested a reduction in the subject's total assessment to \$212,192.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$235,381. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$709,834 or \$178.40 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2016 three year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.16% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review submitted information on three comparable sales located from .324 to .798 of a mile from the subject property. Two comparables were also used by the appellant. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of frame or brick exterior construction that range in size from 3,516 to 4,286 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 1987 to 1990. Features of the comparables include partial finished basements, central air conditioning, 2 fireplaces and attached garages that range in size from 638 to 888 square feet of building area. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 45,738 to 54,014 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from May 2015 to July 2015 for prices ranging from \$582,500 to \$810,000 or from \$160.47 to \$195.53 per square foot of living area including land.

The board of review's evidence shows the subject had \$150,000 of remodeling performed in 2015 which included: new hardwood floors on first floor, glazed kitchen cabinets with granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, remodeled master bath, separate shower and dressing room, finished basement with media room, bar area, bedroom and bath. The evidence shows the subject sold in September of 2017 for \$830,000 after being on market for 16 days. The information was taken from Multiple Listing Service sheet (MLS#09668805) that was submitted by the board of review. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested that the subject property's assessment be confirmed.

### **Conclusion of Law**

The appellant contends the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessed valuation. When market value is the basis of the appeal the value of the property must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of market value may consist of an appraisal of the subject property, a recent sale, comparable sales or construction costs. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(c). The Board finds the appellant did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

In support of the subject's assessment, the Board finds the parties submitted six suggested sale comparables for consideration. The appellant's comparable #3 and comparable #5 are also the board of review's comparable #2 and comparable #3. The appellant's comparable #3 which is

also board or review's comparable #3 is a recent rehab that has undergone \$200,000 of remodeling and has an inground pool. This information was taken from a multiple listing sheet (MLS#08874860) provided by the appellant. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparables #1, #2 and #4 due to their inferior unfinished basements as compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellant's comparable sales #3 and #5 along with the board of review's comparable sales #1, #2 and #3. The Board finds these comparables are most similar to the subject in location, site size, design, age, dwelling size, and features. These properties also sold most proximate in time to the January 1, 2016 assessment date. The comparables sold from May 2015 to July 2015 for prices ranging from \$582,500 to \$810,000 or from \$160.47 to \$195.43 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$709,834 or \$178.40 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the most similar comparable sales in this record. After considering adjustments to the comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is supported. Furthermore, the Board finds the subject sold in September of 2017 for \$830,000, which further undermines the appellant's overvaluation claim. Based on this record the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate by a preponderance of the evidence that the subject was overvalued and no reduction in the subject's assessment is 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



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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: December 18, 2018



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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