



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

APPELLANT: Denise Siegel  
DOCKET NO.: 17-01775.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 16-29-109-029

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Denise Siegel, the appellant, by attorney Abby L. Strauss, of Schiller Strauss & Lavin PC 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 **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:** \$56,291  
**IMPR.:** \$145,502  
**TOTAL:** \$201,793

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 2017 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 2,816 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1986. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a two-car garage with 483 square feet of building area. The property is located in Deerfield, West Deerfield Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on three comparable sales located within .38 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables were improved with two-story dwellings of brick exterior construction that ranged in size from 2,586 to 2,892 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed in 1979 or 1980. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and an attached garage ranging in size from 440 to 528 square feet of

building area. The comparables sold from May to November 2017 for prices ranging from \$411,326 to \$557,500 or from \$146.17 to \$215.58 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the assessment be reduced.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$225,160. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$679,216 or \$241.20 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2017 three year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.15% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales located within .471 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables were improved with two-story dwellings of wood siding or brick exterior construction that ranged in size from 2,434 to 2,822 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 1978 to 1988. Each comparable has a basement with three comparables having finished area, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a garage ranging in size from 462 to 552 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from April 2015 to July 2017 for prices ranging from \$575,000 to \$705,000 or from \$229.91 to \$267.05 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested that the 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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The parties submitted seven comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to the board of review's comparables #3 and #4. These sales occurred in April 2015, which are dated and less indicative of fair market value as of the subject's January 1, 2017 assessment date. The Board gave less weight to the board of review's comparables #1 and #2 based on these comparables have finished basement area when compared to the subject's unfinished basement.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellant's comparables. These comparables are similar to the subject in location, age, dwelling size, and features. These most similar comparables sold for prices ranging from \$411,326 to \$557,500 or from \$146.17 to \$215.58 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$679,216 or \$241.20 per square foot of living area, including land, which is above the range on a total market value basis and within the range on a price per square foot basis as established by the best 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 not supported. Based on this evidence the Board finds a 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



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: June 16, 2020



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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