



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

APPELLANT: Guy Arvia, Trustee  
DOCKET NO.: 17-02634.001-R-2  
PARCEL NO.: 16-06-201-024

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Guy Arvia, Trustee, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld, of Robert H. Rosenfeld and 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:** \$207,521  
**IMPR.:** \$488,388  
**TOTAL:** \$695,909

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 16-180 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-180) 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 7,832 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2001. Features of the home include a full basement with 2,500 square feet of finished area, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a 936 square foot garage. The property is located in Lake Forest, West Deerfield Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends lack of assessment uniformity as the basis of the appeal concerning the subject's improvement assessment; no dispute was raised concerning the land assessment. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted three comparable properties located from .14 to .42 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of brick exterior construction. The homes were built between 1999 and 2002 and range in size from 5,426 to 6,018 square feet of living area. Each comparable has a basement with finished

areas ranging in size from 1,500 to 2,836 square feet. Each home has central air conditioning, two or three fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 1,040 to 1,148 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$221,308 to \$312,312 or from \$36.77 to \$57.56 per square foot of living area, including land.

Based on this evidence and argument, the appellant requested a reduced improvement assessment of \$367,425 or \$46.91 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 \$695,909. The subject has an improvement assessment of \$488,388 or \$62.36 per square foot of living area.

In a responsive letter to the appeal, the board of review asserted the subject property was an owner-occupied dwelling that was the subject matter of an appeal before the Property Tax Appeal Board for the 2015 tax year under Docket Number 15-02475.001-R-1. In that appeal, the Property Tax Appeal Board issued a decision reducing the subject's assessment to \$629,140 based upon the stipulation of the parties. The board of review further explained that the township's general assessment period began in 2015 and runs through tax year 2018. It further indicated that in tax year 2016 West Deerfield Township applied an equalization factor of 1.0643 to all non-farm properties in the township. The board of review further explained that for tax year 2017 West Deerfield Township applied an equalization factor of 1.0393 to all non-farm properties in the township. Therefore, the board of review depicted that the 2015 assessment of \$629,140 was increased for tax year 2016 by the 1.0643 factor to a total assessment of \$669,594 and furthermore, the 2016 assessment was increased for tax year 2017 by the 1.0393 factor to a total assessment of \$695,909 in accordance with Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185). As the subject's assessment 2017 total assessment is \$695,909, the board of review asserted that the subject's assessment should be confirmed.

In addition, the board of review presented four equity comparables located within .984 of a mile from the subject property along with copies of the applicable property record cards. The comparables consist of a 1.75-story and three, 2-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction that were built between 1997 and 2001. The homes range in size from 7,298 to 7,634 square feet of living area and feature basements, two of which have finished areas of 2,000 and 3,074 square feet, respectively. Each comparable has central air conditioning, two to seven fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 816 to 1,134 square feet of building area. Comparable #2 has two inground swimming pools of 800 and 1,250 square feet, respectively. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$469,756 to \$627,946 or from \$64.37 to \$82.26 per square foot of living area.

Based upon the foregoing evidence and argument, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

### **Conclusion of Law**

As part of its submission, the Lake County Board of Review argued that the subject property is an owner-occupied residence that was the subject matter of an appeal before the Property Tax Appeal Board for tax year 2015. The board of review further indicated that 2015 was the

beginning of the general assessment cycle for the subject property. Therefore, in accordance with provisions of the Property Tax Code, the assessment of the subject property is to be carried forward from tax year 2015 with the application of equalization factors which may be applied within the jurisdiction.

Pursuant to Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185), the Board finds the prior year's 2015 decision should be carried forward to the 2017 tax year subject only to equalization applied for 2016 and 2017.

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) provides in part:

If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel on which a residence occupied by the owner is situated, such reduced assessment, subject to equalization, shall remain in effect for the remainder of the general assessment period as provided in Sections 9-215 through 9-225, unless that parcel is subsequently sold in an arm's length transaction establishing a fair cash value for the parcel that is different from the fair cash value on which the Board's assessment is based, or unless the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board is reversed or modified upon review.

The record disclosed the Property Tax Appeal Board issued a decision reducing the subject's 2015 assessment in Docket No. 15-02475.001-R-1. The record further indicates that the subject property is an owner-occupied dwelling and that 2015, 2016 and 2017 are within the same general assessment period. The record contains no evidence indicating the subject property sold in an arm's length transaction subsequent to the Board's decision for tax year 2015 or that the assessment year in question is in a different general assessment period. The board of review submitted Notes on Appeal reporting that the subject's total assessment for 2017 was \$695,909 which as set forth in the letter presented by the board of review reflected the 2015 decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board with the applicable equalization factors for tax years 2016 and 2017 applied.

For these reasons, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted as the board of review decision for tax year 2017 properly reflects the Property Tax Appeal Board's prior year's decision plus the application of the equalization factors for 2016 of 1.0643 and for 2017 of 1.0393. In conclusion, the Board finds no change in the subject's assessment is warranted in accordance with Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code.

Furthermore, the Board finds that board of review equity comparables #1 and #3 support the subject property's improvement assessment for tax year 2017 of \$62.36 per square foot of living area.

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 20, 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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