



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

APPELLANT: Peter Shapiro  
DOCKET NO.: 17-02717.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 16-32-117-004

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Peter Shapiro, 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:** \$58,765  
**IMPR.:** \$93,117  
**TOTAL:** \$151,882

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 tri-level dwelling of brick exterior construction with 2,354 square feet of above-grade living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1956. Features of the home include an unfinished partial basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 264 square foot garage. The property is located in Deerfield, West Deerfield 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 three equity comparables located in the same neighborhood code as the subject and within .28 of a mile of the subject property. The comparables consist of tri-level dwellings of brick exterior construction with each containing 1,886 square feet of above-grade living area. The dwellings were constructed in either 1956 or 1957. The comparables each feature an unfinished partial

basement containing 650 square feet, central air conditioning and a 264 square foot garage. In addition, comparable #3 has a 560 square foot in-ground swimming pool. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$40,572 to \$55,692 or from \$21.51 to \$29.53 per square foot of above-grade 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 \$151,882. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$93,117 or \$39.56 per square foot of above-grade living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on eight equity comparables located in the same neighborhood code as the subject and within .146 of a mile of the subject property. The comparables are improved with tri-level dwellings of brick exterior construction ranging in size from 2,306 to 2,538 square feet of above-grade living area. The comparables were built from 1956 to 1959. The comparables each feature a partial basement ranging in size from 351 to 1,225 square feet, with one having finished area. Each comparable has central air conditioning and one or two garages ranging in size from 264 to 693 square feet of building area. Five comparables each have one fireplace. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$92,350 to \$107,471 or from \$38.15 to \$44.32 per square foot of above-grade living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested that the subject's assessment be confirmed.

### **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 parties submitted eleven equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparables due to their smaller dwelling sizes when compared to the subject. In addition, the appellant's comparable #3 has an inground swimming pool, unlike the subject. The Board also gave less weight to board of review comparables #3, #7 and #8 due to their dissimilar features consisting of a larger basement, a second garage or a finished basement, unlike the subject.

The Board finds the remaining five comparables submitted by the board of review are most similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, design, age and features. These comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$92,350 to \$99,343 or from \$38.15 to \$40.70 per square foot of above-grade living area. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$93,117 or \$39.56 per square foot of above-grade living area, which falls within the range established by best comparables in the record. After considering any necessary adjustments to the comparables for differences, when compared to the subject, the Board finds the evidence

demonstrates the subject's improvement assessment is justified. Based on this record the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed 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.



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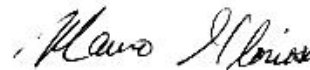
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DISSENTING: \_\_\_\_\_

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: April 21, 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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