



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

APPELLANT: Mike & Lesli Koskela  
DOCKET NO.: 17-03122.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 15-31-201-078

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Mike & Lesli Koskela, the appellants, 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:** \$48,941  
**IMPR.:** \$237,637  
**TOTAL:** \$286,578

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellants 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 2-story dwelling of brick exterior construction with 5,291 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1987. Features of the home include a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, three fireplaces and a 925 square foot attached garage. The property has a 40,377 square foot site and is located in Long Grove, Vernon Township, Lake County.

The appellants contend overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellants submitted information on three comparable sales located within approximately 0.65 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 40,086 to 42,806 square feet of land area and are improved with 1.5 or 2-story dwellings of brick exterior construction that range from 4,160 to 5,228 square feet of living area. The homes were built in 1985 or 1988. The comparables have basements with finished area, central air conditioning, one

to five fireplaces and attached garages that range from 732 to 792 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from August 2015 to September 2016 for prices ranging from \$486,000 to \$745,000 or from \$92.96 to \$144.83 per square feet of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellants requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$220,346.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$286,578. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$864,489 or \$163.39 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 approximately 1.70 miles from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 48,787 to 152,406 square feet of land area and are improved with 1.5 or 2-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction ranging from 4,614 to 5,210 square feet of living area. The homes were built in 1987 or 1994. The comparables have basements, two with finished area; central air conditioning; one or four fireplaces and attached garages that range from 773 to 1,149 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from November 2017 to July 2018 for prices ranging from \$720,000 to \$870,000 or from \$152.38 to \$177.72 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the subject's assessment be confirmed.

### **Conclusion of Law**

The appellants contend 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 appellants did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted seven comparables for the Board's consideration. The comparables have varying degrees of similarity when compared to the subject in location, site size, design, age, dwelling size and features. The Board gives least weight to the appellant's comparable #1 due to its smaller dwelling size and board of review comparables #3 and #4 due to larger site sizes and differences from the subject in location. The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellants' comparable sales #2 and #3 and board of review comparable sales #1 and #2 which are more like the subject in terms of site size and basement finish. These most similar comparables sold from August 2015 to May 2018 for prices ranging from \$486,000 to \$820,000 or from \$92.96 to \$177.72 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$864,489 or \$163.39 per square foot of living area, including land, which is above the overall price range established by the best comparable sales but within the range of price per square foot established by the best comparable sales in this records. After considering adjustments to the comparables for differences with the subject in terms of dwelling size, the Board finds 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



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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: May 26, 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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