



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

APPELLANT: Alina Boksa  
DOCKET NO.: 18-00660.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 06-15-106-028

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Alina Boksa, the appellant, 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:** \$13,700  
**IMPR.:** \$63,073  
**TOTAL:** \$76,773

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 2018 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 vinyl siding exterior construction with 1,965 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2005. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a 460 square foot garage. The property has a 7,846 square foot site and is located in Round Lake Beach, Avon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on five comparable sales located from .06 of a mile to 1.69 miles from the subject property. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 3,698 to 10,600 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings of vinyl or wood siding exterior construction that range in size from 1,888 to 2,239 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 1995 to 2001. The comparables have basements with one

having finished area.<sup>1</sup> Each comparable has central air conditioning and a garage with either 420 or 500 square feet of building area. Four comparables each have a fireplace. The comparables sold from February to November 2017 for prices ranging from \$145,000 to \$252,500 or from \$76.80 to \$120.36 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the subject's assessment be reduced to \$70,078.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$76,773. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$232,083 or \$118.11 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2018 three year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.08% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted a grid analysis and property record cards for the subject and four comparable sales located within .658 of a mile from the subject property. Board of review comparables #2 and #3 and appellant's comparables #5 and #4 are the same properties. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 6,970 to 9,583 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings of wood or vinyl siding exterior construction that range in size from 1,729 to 1,990 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed in 2001 or 2003. The comparables have basements with one having finished area. Each comparable has central air conditioning and a garage with either 420 or 504 square feet of building area. Three comparables each have a fireplace. The comparables sold from April 2017 to July 2018 for prices ranging from \$209,000 to \$240,000 or from \$105.77 to \$132.97 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested that the subject'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.

The Board finds seven comparables were submitted by the parties in support of their respective positions, which includes two comparables common to both parties. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparable #3 due to its distant location being 1.69 miles from the subject property. The Board also gave less weight to the appellant's comparable #5/board of review comparable #2 which has a finished basement in contrast to the subject's unfinished basement.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the five remaining comparables in the record, which includes one common comparable. These comparables are relatively similar to the subject in location, design, dwelling size, age and features. The comparables sold from February 2017 to July 2018 for prices ranging from \$200,000 to \$252,500 or from \$99.60 to \$132.97 per

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<sup>1</sup> Comparable #5 has a finished basement per the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) sheet associated with the sale that was submitted by the appellant.

square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$232,083 or \$118.11 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range 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 the assessment is supported and therefore, 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



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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