



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

APPELLANT: Bruce Loring  
DOCKET NO.: 18-01338.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 16-33-402-006

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Bruce Loring, the appellant, by attorney Abby L. Strauss, of Schiller Law P.C. 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:** \$76,052  
**IMPR.:** \$118,315  
**TOTAL:** \$194,367

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 brick exterior construction with 2,390 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1965. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a 682 square foot garage. The subject's lot size was not disclosed. The subject 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 .48 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are described as two-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,238 to 2,742 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed in 1962 and 1964. The comparables each have a basement, with one having finished area, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage with either 441

or 467 square feet of building area. The comparables sold in May and June 2018 for prices ranging from \$425,000 to \$545,000 or from \$189.90 to \$198.76 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$194,367. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$587,567 or \$245.84 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 response to the appellant's evidence, the board of review argued the appellant provided no sales from the subject's immediate "Colony Point" neighborhood.

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 three comparable sales that are located within the Colony Point neighborhood and .235 miles from the subject. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of brick exterior construction ranging in size from 2,502 to 2,782 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed in 1965 and 1966. The comparables have basements with two having finished area. Other features include central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and garages ranging in size from 462 to 529 square feet of building area. These comparables sold from January 2017 to May 2018 for prices ranging from \$599,000 to \$695,000 or from \$238.46 to \$277.78 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 comparable sales were submitted by the parties in support of their respective positions. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparables as they are located outside the subject's immediate subject neighborhood in contrast to the board of review comparables.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the board of review comparables which are similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, design, age and most features. The comparables sold from January 2017 to May 2018 for prices ranging from \$599,000 to \$695,000 or from \$238.46 to \$277.78 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$587,567 or \$245.84 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range on square foot basis 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 supported. Based on this evidence, 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



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:

December 15, 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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