



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

APPELLANT: Pamela Mays  
DOCKET NO.: 18-02404.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 13-11-300-594

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Pamela Mays, 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:** \$8,420  
**IMPR.:** \$114,176  
**TOTAL:** \$122,596

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 1.5-story attached dwelling of wood siding exterior construction with 2,637 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1991. Features of the home include a concrete slab foundation, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 528 square foot garage. The property has a golf course view and is located in Lake Barrington, Cuba Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four comparable sales located within 0.62 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are improved with 1.5-story attached dwellings of wood siding exterior construction that each have 2,637 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1988 to 1991. Three comparables have finished basements and one comparable has a concrete slab foundation. Each comparable has a golf course view, central air conditioning, one

or two fireplaces and a 528 square foot garage. The comparables sold from April 2016 to November 2017 for prices ranging from \$350,000 to \$385,000 or from \$132.73 to \$146.00 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$116,016.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$122,596. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$370,605 or \$140.54 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 information on four comparable sales located within approximately 0.96 of a mile from the subject property. Board of review comparable #2 is the same property as the appellant's comparable #1. The comparables are improved with 1.5-story attached dwellings of wood siding exterior construction that each have 2,637 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1988 to 1990. Two of the comparables have a concrete slab foundation and two comparables have finished basements. Each of the comparables has either a golf course or lake view, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a 528 square foot garage. The comparables sold from August 2016 to July 2018 for prices ranging from \$350,000 to \$495,000 or from \$132.73 to \$187.71 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 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 evidence in the record did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The record contains seven comparables for the Board's consideration as one comparable was common to both parties. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparables #2, #3 and #4 along with board of review comparables #3 and #4 due to their finished basements when compared to the subject's concrete slab foundation.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellant's comparable #1/board of review comparable #2 and board of review comparable #1 which are similar to the subject in location, age, design, dwelling size and features. The Board notes that board of review comparable #1 sold in August 2016 which is slightly dated for a January 1, 2018 appeal. These two comparables sold in August 2016 and November 2017 for prices of \$435,000 and \$350,000 or for \$164.96 and \$132.73 per square foot of living area, including land, respectfully. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$370,605 or \$140.54 per square foot of living area, including land, which is bracketed by the two best comparable sales in this record. After considering adjustments to the comparables for differences with the subject, 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



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: January 19, 2021



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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