



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

APPELLANT: James Edgell  
DOCKET NO.: 18-02504.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 14-05-405-003

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are James Edgell, 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:** \$45,299  
**IMPR.:** \$226,170  
**TOTAL:** \$271,469

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 5,155 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1998. Features of the home include a basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 1,725 square foot garage. The property has an 83,028 square foot site and is located in Lake Zurich, Ela 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 within 1.36 miles from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 15,246 to 140,263 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction that range in size from 4,363 to 5,742 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1998 to 2005. Each comparable has a basement, central air conditioning, two or four fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 353 to 1,301 square feet of building area.

Comparable #4 has two garages that have 353 and 748 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from April to November 2017 for prices ranging from \$670,000 to \$1,220,000 or from \$148.90 to \$226.43 per square foot of living area, land included.

The appellant's counsel submitted the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) sheet on their comparable #5 along with an aerial map. The MLS provided a description of the property's condition along with other details including the fact that this property has a waterfront location. The aerial map supported the lake front location of this comparable sale. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$257,724.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$271,469. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$820,644 or \$159.19 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 1.08 miles from the subject property. Board of review comparable #2, #3 and #4 are the same properties as the appellant's comparables #1, #3 and #5, respectively. The comparables have sites that range in size from 61,972 to 96,173 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings of brick exterior construction that range in size from 4,892 to 5,742 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1998 to 2007. Each comparable has a basement, central air conditioning, two or four fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 868 to 1,301 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from June 2017 to May 2018 for prices ranging from \$850,000 to \$1,220,000 or from \$148.90 to \$226.43 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 appellant did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The record contains six comparables for the Board's consideration as three comparables were common to both parties. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparables #2 and #4 which have dissimilar site and/or dissimilar dwelling size when compared to the subject. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparable #5/board of review comparable #4 which has a lake front location that may explain its higher sale price per square foot relative to all other comparables in the record.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the remaining comparables, including two of the common comparables, which are similar to the subject in design, site size, dwelling size and features. These comparables sold from June 2017 to May 2018 for prices ranging from

\$850,000 to \$945,000 or from \$148.90 to \$193.17 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$820,000 or \$159.19 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls below the range on an overall basis and within the per square foot range established by the 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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