



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

APPELLANT: Mark Wodka  
DOCKET NO.: 19-00248.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 16-05-08-401-007-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Mark Wodka, the appellant; and the Will 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 Will County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:** \$28,500  
**IMPR.:** \$82,926  
**TOTAL:** \$111,426

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Will County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2019 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 one-story single-family dwelling of brick exterior construction with 2,435 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1986. Features of the home include an unfinished 1,200-square foot basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a 566-square foot garage. The home also has a 364-square foot wood deck. The dwelling is located in Homer Glen, Homer Township, Will County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on six equity comparables located in the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables consist of one, one-story and five, two-story single-family dwellings of brick exterior construction that were built from 1986 to 1988. The dwellings range in size from 2,400 to 2,580 square feet of living area. Each of the dwellings has a full or partial basement, three with finished area, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a garage ranging in size from 585 to 3,786 square feet of building area. The comparables have

improvement assessments ranging from \$55,421 to \$78,552 or from \$21.71 to \$31.44 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$111,426. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$82,926 or \$34.05 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on three equity comparables located in the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables consist of one-story single-family dwellings of brick exterior construction that were built from 1987 to 1994. The dwellings range in size from 2,168 to 2,776 square feet of living area. Features of the homes include an unfinished full or partial basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a garage ranging in size from 797 to 1,429 square feet of building area. Comparables #1 and #3 have a 428-square foot or 231-square foot wood deck, respectively. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$82,701 to \$104,653 or from \$31.04 to \$48.27 per square foot of living area.

The board of review also submitted a grid analysis containing information on the appellant's comparables. This grid shows that appellant's comparable #1 has a 310-square foot wood deck and a 235-square foot screen porch.

Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

### **Conclusion of Law**

The taxpayer contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. When unequal treatment in the assessment process is the basis of the appeal, the inequity of the assessments must be proved by clear and convincing evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of unequal treatment in the assessment process should consist of documentation of the assessments for the assessment year in question of not less than three comparable properties showing the similarity, proximity and lack of distinguishing characteristics of the assessment comparables to the subject property. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(b). The Board finds the appellant did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties presented data on nine suggested comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to appellant's comparables #2 through #6 which are of dissimilar two-story design, compared to the subject which is a one-story dwelling. The Board also gives less weight to the board of review comparable #1 which is a newer dwelling and appears to be an outlier based on its higher improvement assessment in contrast to the other comparables in this record.

The Board finds that appellant's comparable #1 and board of review's comparables #2 and #3 were the best comparables submitted for the Board's consideration and are similar to the subject in location, age, design, size, and most features, although each comparable has a garage containing 231 to 717 square feet more building area than the subject's garage. These comparables had improvement assessments ranging from \$77,206 to \$86,169 or from \$31.04 to

\$32.56 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$82,926 or \$34.05 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in the record on an overall basis but above the range on a per square foot basis, however, after considering adjustments to the comparables for any differences from the subject, the Board finds the subject's assessed value appears to be supported and no reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

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.



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Chairman



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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: December 21, 2021



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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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