



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

APPELLANT: Shawn McWhorter  
DOCKET NO.: 19-03774.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 14-27-114-006

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Shawn McWhorter, the appellant; 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:** \$50,833  
**IMPR.:** \$154,455  
**TOTAL:** \$205,288

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 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 two-story dwelling of brick and frame exterior construction with 3,733 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1998 and is approximately 21 years old. Features of the home include a basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and an 806 square foot garage. The property has a 20,765 square foot site and is located in Kildeer, Ela 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 the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and from .08 to .33 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 21,062 to 22,548 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of brick and frame exterior construction ranging in size from 3,779 to 4,104 square feet of living area. The dwellings reportedly range in age from 19 to 21 years old. Each comparable has a basement, two of which are walkout

designs. The comparables each have central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage that ranges in size from 696 to 840 square feet of building area. The properties sold from May to September 2019 for prices ranging from \$604,500 to \$620,000 or from \$147.30 to \$161.42 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$195,000, which would reflect a market value of \$585,059 or \$156.73 per square foot of living area, including land, when using the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$205,288. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$624,165 or \$167.20 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2019 three-year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 32.89% 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 the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and from .07 to .40 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 20,266 to 22,161 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of frame or brick and frame exterior construction ranging in size from 3,668 to 4,032 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1998 to 2000. Each comparable has a basement, two of which are walkout designs. The comparables each have central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage that ranges in size from 670 to 809 square feet of building area. Comparable #1 has an inground swimming pool. The properties sold from May 2019 to February 2020 for prices ranging from \$619,999 to \$670,000 or from \$163.32 to \$169.03 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

### **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 seven suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to board of review comparable #1 as its sale date occurred less proximate in time to the January 1, 2019 assessment date than the remaining sales in the record.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparables, along with board of review comparables #2, #3 and #4. These comparables sold more proximate in time to the assessment date at issue and are similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, design, age and most features. These comparables sold from May to November 2019 for prices ranging from \$604,500 to \$670,000 or from \$147.30 to \$168.16 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$624,165 or \$167.20 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the best comparable sales in the

record both in terms of overall market value and on a price per square foot basis. After considering adjustments to the comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds no reduction in the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is 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.

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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: November 16, 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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