



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

APPELLANT: Keith Leust  
DOCKET NO.: 19-04409.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 14-32-204-005

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Keith Leust, 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:** \$45,030  
**IMPR.:** \$147,660  
**TOTAL:** \$192,690

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 wood siding exterior construction with 3,337 square feet of living area.<sup>1</sup> The dwelling was constructed in 1988. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 714 square foot garage. The property has a 47,449 square foot site and is located in Barrington, 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 1.33 miles from the

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<sup>1</sup> The parties differed as to the dwelling size of the subject property in their grid analyses. The Board finds the best evidence of the subject's size was found in the property record card, submitted by the board of review, which included a sketch of the subject's improvements. The appellant submitted a Lake County Property Tax Information sheet which also reported the subject's dwelling size as 3,337 square feet of living area.

subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 32,393 to 56,063 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings of brick or brick and frame exterior construction that range in size from 3,057 to 3,568 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1976 to 1986. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a garage ranging in size from 506 to 868 square feet of building area. Comparable #1 also features an inground swimming pool. The properties sold from February 2018 to April 2019 for prices ranging from \$360,000 to \$525,000 or from \$116.05 to \$151.91 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$168,533 which reflects a market value of \$505,650 or \$151.53 per square foot of living area, land included, when applying the statutory assessment level of 33.33%.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$192,690. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$585,862 or \$175.57 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 five comparable sales located within 1.31 miles from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 39,740 to 58,270 square feet of land area and are improved with 1.5-story or 2-story dwellings of brick, wood siding or brick and wood siding exterior construction that range in size from 2,964 to 3,590 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1987 to 1994. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 638 to 1,607 square feet of building area. The properties sold from April 2018 to July 2019 for prices ranging from \$601,000 to \$732,500 or from \$195.54 to \$224.69 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 parties submitted ten comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to appellant comparables #1, #3 and #4 along with board of review comparables #1, #2 and #3 which are located more than one mile from the subject and/or differ from the subject in age, garage size, design and/or include an inground swimming pool, a feature lacking in the subject improvements. In addition, appellant's comparable #1 appears to be an outlier based on its sale price and price per square foot relative to other comparable sales in the record.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the remaining comparables which are more similar to the subject in location, age, design, dwelling size and features. These

comparables sold from April 2018 to April 2019 for prices ranging from \$518,000 to \$732,500 or from \$145.18 to \$224.69 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$585,862 or \$175.57 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. After considering adjustments to the comparables for differences from 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: December 21, 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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