



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

APPELLANT: Dan Schoen  
DOCKET NO.: 19-04871.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 06-01-206-031

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Dan Schoen, 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:** \$8,463  
**IMPR.:** \$53,973  
**TOTAL:** \$62,436

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 2-story townhouse of wood siding exterior construction with 1,620 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2007. Features of the home include a lower level with finished area, central air conditioning, and a 420 square foot garage. The property is located in Lindenhurst, Lake Villa Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on eight comparable sales<sup>1</sup> located from 0.61 to 0.79 of a mile from the subject. The comparables are improved with 2-story townhomes of vinyl or wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 1,542 to 1,806 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built in 1996 or 1999. One home has a basement and seven homes each have a concrete slab foundation. Each home has central air conditioning and a 400 square foot garage.

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<sup>1</sup> The appellant presented ten comparables, but only provided sale information for eight comparables.

Six homes each have a fireplace. The comparables sold from December 2017 to May 2019 for prices ranging from \$144,900 to \$172,000 or from \$87.49 to \$95.24 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to \$56,154 which would reflect a market value of \$168,479 or \$104.00 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying 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 \$62,436. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$189,833 or \$117.18 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 from 0.01 to 0.08 of a mile from the subject. One comparable is located within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are improved with 2-story townhomes of wood siding exterior construction with 1,620 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built in 2007. Each home has a lower level with finished area, central air conditioning, and a 420 square foot garage. One home has a fireplace. The comparables sold from May 2018 to June 2019 for prices ranging from \$191,000 to \$195,000 or from \$117.90 to \$120.37 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence the board of review requested the subject's assessment be sustained.

### **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 a total of thirteen comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables, due to substantial differences from the subject in age and lack of a lower level which the subject features.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the board of review's comparables which are identical to the subject in dwelling size, age, and most features and close in proximity to the subject. These most similar comparables sold for prices ranging from \$191,000 to \$195,000 or from \$117.90 to \$120.37 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$189,833 or \$117.18 per square foot of living area, including land, which is below the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. Based on this evidence and after considering appropriate adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to 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: September 20, 2022



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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