



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

APPELLANT: Jack Craven  
DOCKET NO.: 19-06810.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 16-32-121-008

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jack Craven, the appellant, by attorney Andrew J. Rukavina of The Tax Appeal Company in Mundelein; 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:** \$52,144  
**IMPR.:** \$256,268  
**TOTAL:** \$308,412

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 3,540 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2004. Features of the home include a basement finished with a recreation room, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 736 square foot garage. The property has a 9,800 square foot site and is located in Deerfield, West Deerfield 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 from 261 to 2,108 feet from the subject property, one of which is within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. Four of the comparables have sites that range in size from 9,000 to 11,610 square feet of land area. The five comparables are improved with one-story or two-story dwellings of wood siding or brick exterior construction ranging in size from 2,400 to 4,137 square feet of living

area. The dwellings were built from 1959 to 2006. Two of the comparables have concrete slab foundations and three comparables have basements, two of which are finished with recreation rooms. Each comparable has central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage that ranges in size from 440 to 546 square feet of building area. The properties sold from April 2016 to December 2019 for prices ranging from \$385,000 to \$905,000 or from \$151.57 to \$242.92 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$245,248, which would reflect a market value of \$735,818 or \$207.86 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 \$308,412. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$937,708 or \$264.89 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 three comparable sales located from 178 to 3,582 feet from the subject property and within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. Two of the comparables have sites containing 12,000 or 17,550 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 3,324 to 4,001 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 2004 to 2007. The comparables each have a basement, one of which has a recreation room. Each comparable has central air conditioning, a fireplace and a garage that ranges in size from 530 to 714 square feet of building area. The properties sold in November 2018 and July 2019 for prices ranging from \$910,000 to \$955,000 or from \$227.44 to \$287.30 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 a total of eight suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board has given less weight to the appellant's comparables, as comparables #1 and #2 had sale dates occurring in 2016, which are dated and less likely to be indicative of the subject's market value as of January 1, 2019 and comparables #2 through #5 have considerably older dwellings that are much smaller in size when compared to the subject dwelling. Furthermore, the appellant's comparables #4 and #5 have dissimilar concrete slab foundations unlike the subject. In addition, the appellant's comparable #4 is a dissimilar one-story dwelling when compared to the subject's two-story design.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the comparables submitted by the board of review, which are similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, design, age and most features. The comparables sold in November 2018 and July 2019 for prices ranging from \$910,000 to \$955,000 or from \$227.44 to \$287.30 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$937,708 or \$264.89 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 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.



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:

April 19, 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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