



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

APPELLANT: Bradley Kruk  
DOCKET NO.: 19-07149.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 06-23-307-007

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Bradley Kruk, the appellant, by attorney Sreeram Natarajan, of Natarajan Worstell LLC in Chicago; 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:** \$12,575  
**IMPR.:** \$67,771  
**TOTAL:** \$80,346

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 vinyl siding exterior construction with 1,808 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1994. Features of the home include a basement with finished area,<sup>1</sup> central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 441 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 7,790 square foot site and is located in Grayslake, Avon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity, with respect to the improvement assessment, as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on five equity comparables located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of vinyl siding exterior construction that

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<sup>1</sup> The Board finds the best description of the subject property was reported in the property record card, submitted by the board of review, and not refuted by the appellant.

range in size from 1,834 to 2,206 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1991 to 1994. Each comparable has central air conditioning and a garage with either 404 or 420 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$57,799 to \$68,323 or from \$30.97 to \$31.79 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$56,898 or \$31.47 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$80,346. The subject has an improvement assessment of \$67,771 or \$37.48 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of vinyl siding exterior construction with either 1,808 or 1,880 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1993 to 1995. Each comparable has a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a garage with 400 or 441 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$67,771 to \$72,701 or from \$37.48 to \$38.67 per square foot of living area. The board of review commented that the appellant comparables lack basements and that its comparable #1, which is identical to the subject, indicates an equitable assessment for the subject. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the subject's assessment be confirmed.

### **Conclusion of Law**

The appellant 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 a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted nine equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables which differ from the subject in foundation type. The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the board of review comparables which are more like the subject in location, age, design, dwelling size, foundation type and other features. These comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$67,771 to \$72,701 or from \$37.48 to \$38.67 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$67,771 or \$37.48 per square foot of living area falls at the lower end of the range established by the best comparables in this record. After considering appropriate adjustments to the comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and 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:

May 17, 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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