



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

APPELLANT: Jong Kim  
DOCKET NO.: 19-07571.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 15-07-301-007

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jong Kim, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld of Robert H. Rosenfeld and Associates, 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:** \$65,911  
**IMPR.:** \$154,335  
**TOTAL:** \$220,246

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 is improved with a two-story dwelling of brick exterior construction with 3,845 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1991 and is approximately 28 years old. Features of the home include a full basement with a 1,715 square foot recreation room, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and an attached garage with 864 square feet of building area. The property has a site with approximately 101,490 square feet of land area and is located in Long Grove, Vernon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables improved with two-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 3,607 to 4,729 square feet of living area. The dwellings are 27 or 30 years old. Each comparable has an unfinished full basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace and an

attached garage ranging in size from 713 to 932 square feet of building area. The comparables have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property and are located from .11 to .59 of one mile from the subject property. The improvement assessments on these properties range from \$127,395 to \$152,508 or from \$32.25 to \$35.47 per square foot of living area. The appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$132,460.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$220,246. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$154,335 or \$40.14 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on three equity comparables improved with two-story dwellings of brick exterior construction ranging in size from 3,728 to 3,990 square feet of living area.<sup>1</sup> The dwellings were built from 1985 to 1998. Each comparable has a full or partial basement with two having recreation rooms, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and an attached garage ranging in size from 823 to 1,110 square feet of building area. The comparables have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property and are located from .11 to .65 of one mile from the subject property. The improvement assessments on these properties range from \$150,187 to \$165,367 or from \$40.26 to \$41.45 per square foot of living area.

### **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 the appellant did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The record contains information on seven comparables submitted by the parties that are similar to the subject in location, style, and age. Less weight is given the appellant's comparable #4 due to differences from the subject dwelling in size as the home is approximately 23% larger than the subject dwelling. The remaining comparables submitted by the parties are similar to the subject in most respects except four of the properties have unfinished basements and four comparables have one fireplace, inferior to the subject's partially finished basement and two fireplaces, suggesting that upward adjustments to the comparables would be appropriate to make them more equivalent to the subject dwelling. These comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$127,395 to \$165,367 or from \$34.79 to \$41.45 per square foot of living area. Board of review comparable #1 is the overall best comparable as this property has a partial basement that is partially finished and two fireplaces, similar to the subject property, and has an improvement assessment of \$152,862 or \$41.00 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement

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<sup>1</sup> Board of review comparable #3 is depicted on the grid analysis as a one-story dwelling, however, the dwelling is described as having a ground floor living area of 1,759 square feet and an above ground living area of 3,990 square feet, indicating the dwelling is a two-story home.

assessment of \$154,335 or \$40.14 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record and well supported by the overall best comparable. Based on this record 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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