



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

APPELLANT: Michael & Wendy Grujanac  
DOCKET NO.: 20-00181.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 15-24-205-008

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Michael & Wendy Grujanac, the appellants; 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:** \$69,535  
**IMPR.:** \$121,162  
**TOTAL:** \$190,697

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellants 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 2020 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 dwelling of brick and frame exterior construction with 2,751 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1971. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a 594 square foot garage. The property has a 20,473 square foot site and is located in Lincolnshire, Vernon Township, Lake County.

The appellants contend overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellants submitted information on five comparable sales located within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The parcels range in size from 20,040 to 20,470 square feet of land area and are improved with 2-story homes of brick or wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,526 to 3,164 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1964 to 1975. Each home has a basement, three of which have finished area, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces, and a garage ranging in size from 506 to 650 square feet

of building area. Comparable #2 has an inground swimming pool. The comparables sold from July 2019 to February 2020 for prices ranging from \$510,000 to \$570,000 or from \$171.15 to \$201.90 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence the appellants requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to \$172,649 which would reflect a market value of \$517,999 or \$188.29 per square foot of living area, including land.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$190,697. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$572,836 or \$208.23 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2020 three year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.29% 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 the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The parcels range in size from 20,000 to 22,220 square feet of land area and are improved with 1.5-story or 2-story homes of brick, wood siding, or brick and wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,565 to 2,929 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1963 to 1973 with comparables #1, #2, and #4 having effective dates of 1970, 1975, and 1975, respectively. Each home has a basement, one of which has finished area, central air conditioning, and a garage ranging in size from 456 to 529 square feet of building area. Four homes each have one or two fireplaces. The comparables sold from March 2019 to August 2020 for prices ranging from \$592,500 to \$750,000 or from \$202.29 to \$274.73 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 ten comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #1, #2, and #4 and the board of review's comparable #3, due to their finished basement area which is not a feature of the subject. Moreover, the appellant's comparable #2 has an inground swimming pool unlike the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparables #3 and #5 and the board of review's comparables #1, #2, #4, and #5, which are similar to the subject in dwelling size, site size, age, location, and most features. These most similar comparables sold from March 2019 to August 2020 for prices ranging from \$510,000 to \$750,000 or from \$180.85 to \$274.73 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$572,836 or \$208.23 per square foot of living area, including land, which is within 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 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.

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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: July 19, 2022

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Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

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**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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