



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

APPELLANT: Jolanta Morawska  
DOCKET NO.: 20-01221.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 06-09-216-029

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jolanta Morawska, the appellant, by attorney Eric Feldman, of Eric Feldman & Assoc. P.C. 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:** \$8,679  
**IMPR.:** \$57,788  
**TOTAL:** \$66,467

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 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 wood siding exterior construction with 1,814 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1997. Features of the home include a full basement, central air conditioning, and a 400 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 7,840 square foot site and is located in Round Lake Beach, 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 four comparable sales, including photographs of the comparables and a map depicting the locations of the comparables in relation to the subject. The comparables are located from 0.31 to 0.59 of a mile from the subject and within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The parcels range in size from 5,660 to 10,450 square feet of land area and are improved with 2-story homes of wood siding exterior

construction with 1,734 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built in 1998 or 1999. Two homes each have a basement, one of which is a walkout basement; one home has a crawl space foundation; and one home has a concrete slab foundation. Each comparable has central air conditioning and a 360 square foot garage. Two homes each have a fireplace. The comparables sold from February 2019 to March 2020 for prices ranging from \$137,000 to \$186,000 or from \$79.01 to \$107.27 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to \$62,755 which would reflect a market value of \$188,284 or \$103.79 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 \$66,467. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$199,661 or \$110.07 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. The comparables are located from 0.34 to 0.79 of a mile from the subject and two comparables are within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The parcels range in size from 6,100 to 8,710 square feet of land area and are improved with 2-story homes of wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 1,695 to 1,996 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1993 to 2000. Four homes each have basement and one home has a concrete slab foundation. Four homes have central air conditioning and one home has a fireplace. Each comparable has a garage ranging in size from 360 to 483 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from April 2019 to December 2020 for prices ranging from \$200,000 to \$219,000 or from \$109.72 to \$123.89 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 nine comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #2 and #4 and the board of review's comparable #3, due to significant differences from the subject in foundation type. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparable #3, which sold for considerably less than the other sales in this record and appears to be an outlier.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparable #1 and the board of review's comparables #1, #2, #4, and #5, which are similar to the subject in dwelling size, age, location, lot size, and some features. These most similar comparables sold from

February 2019 to December 2020 for prices ranging from \$180,000 to \$219,000 or from \$103.81 to \$123.89 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$199,661 or \$110.07 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 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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