



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

APPELLANT: Min and Shiou Mei Lin  
DOCKET NO.: 20-01513.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 16-05-403-014

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Min and Shiou Mei Lin, the appellants, 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:** \$93,426  
**IMPR.:** \$213,865  
**TOTAL:** \$307,291

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 is improved with a two-story dwelling of brick exterior construction containing 3,900 square feet of living area. The dwelling was built in 1990 and is approximately 30 years old. Features of the home include an unfinished full basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and an attached garage with 609 square feet of building area. The property has a site with approximately 17,820 square feet of land area located in Lake Forest, West Deerfield Township, Lake County.

The appellants contend assessment inequity with respect to the improvements as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellants submitted information on four equity comparables improved with 1-story, 1.8-story, or 2-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction that range in size from 3,444 to 3,970 square feet of living area. Each comparable has an unfinished full basement, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and

an attached garage ranging in size from 754 to 920 square feet of building area. The comparables have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property and are located from approximately .14 to .45 of one mile from the subject property. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$161,982 to \$205,258 or from \$43.43 to \$52.75 per square foot of living area. The appellants requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$190,612.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$307,291. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$213,865 or \$54.84 per square foot of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on five equity comparables improved with two-story dwellings of brick exterior construction that range in size from 3,543 to 3,976 square feet of living area. The homes were constructed from 1986 to 1988. Each property has a partial or full basement with one having finished area, central air conditioning, one to three fireplaces, and an attached garage ranging in size from 525 to 816 square feet of building area. The comparables have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property and are located within .11 of one mile from the subject property. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$202,714 to \$234,456 or from \$53.44 to \$61.96 per square foot of living area.

### **Conclusion of Law**

The appellants contend 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 appellants did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the comparables submitted by the board of review as these comparables are most similar to the subject property in location, style, size and most features. These comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$202,714 to \$234,456 or from \$53.44 to \$61.96 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$213,865 or \$54.84 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. Less weight is given the appellants' comparables due to differences from the subject property in style, dwelling size, and/or location. Based on this record the Board finds the appellants did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed. The Board finds the assessment of the subject property as established by the board of review is correct 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:

November 22, 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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