



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

APPELLANT: Sanjiv & Seema Gilani  
DOCKET NO.: 20-02522.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 14-12-104-001

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Sanjiv & Seema Gilani, 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:** \$37,218  
**IMPR.:** \$151,802  
**TOTAL:** \$189,020

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 two-story dwelling of brick exterior construction with 3,795 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2000 and is 20 years old. Features of the home include a basement with 1,547 square feet of finished area,<sup>1</sup> central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a 713 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 39,430 square foot site and is located in Long Grove, Ela Township, Lake County.

The appellants contend overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellants submitted information on four comparable sales located within 0.20 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of frame or brick and

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<sup>1</sup> The Board finds the best description of the subject was reported in the subject's property record card submitted by the board of review. The property record card contained a sketch of the subject's improvements and included a comment indicating the home included 1,547 square feet of finished basement.

frame exterior construction that range in size from 3,523 to 4,234 square feet of living area. The dwellings range in age from 26 to 31 years old. Each comparable has a basement, central air conditioning, one to three fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 668 to 851 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$131,565 to \$163,320 or from \$34.17 to \$38.70 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellants requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$141,079 or \$37.17 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 \$189,020. The subject has an improvement assessment of \$151,802 or \$40.00 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 located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables are improved with one-story or two-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction that range in size from 3,883 to 4,266 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1996 to 2004. Each comparable has a basement, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 697 to 972 square feet of building area. Comparable #3 has an inground swimming pool. The properties have improvement assessments that range from \$175,779 to \$204,514 or from \$43.76 to \$51.84 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the subject's assessment be confirmed.

### **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 parties submitted nine equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellants' comparables #1 and #3 and board of review comparables #2 and #3 which differ from the subject in age, dwelling size, design and/or feature an inground swimming pool which the subject lacks.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be appellants' comparables #2 and #4 along with board of review comparables #1, #4 and #5 which are more similar to the subject in location, age, design, dwelling size and other features. These comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$131,565 to \$201,280 or from \$34.17 to \$51.84 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$151,802 or \$40.00 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. After considering appropriate adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds the appellants 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:

October 18, 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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