



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

APPELLANT: Jimenez Carlos  
DOCKET NO.: 20-03180.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 07-19-303-006

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jimenez Carlos, the appellant; and the Lake County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented in this matter, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds **A Reduction** 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:** \$14,875  
**IMPR.:** \$58,907  
**TOTAL:** \$73,782

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 1,785 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1985 and features an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 441 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 9,330 square foot site and is located in Third Lake, Warren Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity, with respect to the improvement assessment, as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on three equity comparables located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and within 0.18 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction that range in size from 1,775 to 1,841 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1984 to 1986. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning and a garage ranging in size from 342 to 462 square feet of building area.

One comparable has a fireplace. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$58,577 to \$60,753 or \$33.00 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$58,907 or \$33.00 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 \$76,018. The subject has an improvement assessment of \$61,143 or \$34.25 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 and within 0.19 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are improved with 1-story, 1.5-story, or 2-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction that range in size from 1,671 to 1,894 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1985 to 1988. Each comparable has a basement, two with finished area and a garage ranging in size from 400 to 529 square feet of building area. Four comparables have central air conditioning and four comparables each have one fireplace. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$60,403 to \$63,573 or from \$33.57 to \$37.19 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 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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The parties submitted eight equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the board of review's comparables #2, #3, #4 and #5 which differ from the subject in design and/or feature a finished basement unlike the subject's unfinished basement.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the appellant's comparables and board of review comparable #1 which are more similar to the subject in location, age, design, dwelling size and other features. These comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$58,577 to \$60,753 or for \$33.00 and \$35.36 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$61,143 or \$34.25 per square foot of living area falls above the range established by the best comparables in this record on an overall basis and within the range on a per square foot basis. However, after considering appropriate adjustments to the comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds the appellant demonstrated with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's assessment, commensurate with the request, is 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



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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:

August 23, 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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