



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

APPELLANT: Kevin Duffy  
DOCKET NO.: 20-03757.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 15-28-310-028

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Kevin Duffy, the appellant, by attorney Ronald Kingsley, of Lake County Real Estate Tax Appeal, LLC in Lake Forest; 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:** \$34,512  
**IMPR.:** \$126,375  
**TOTAL:** \$160,887

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 split-level dwelling of frame exterior construction with 1,861 square feet of above grade living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1987. Features of the home include a lower level with finished area, an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace, a 420 square foot garage and a 546 square foot inground swimming pool. The property has an approximately 16,466 square foot site and is located in Buffalo Grove, Vernon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on three comparable sales located from 0.40 of a mile to 1.09 miles from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 8,750 to 8,760 square feet of land area and are improved with split-level dwellings of frame exterior construction that range in size from 1,495 to 2,153 square feet of above grade living area. The

dwelling was built in 1987 with comparable #1 having an effective year built of 1991. Each comparable has a finished lower level and a basement with two having basement finished area. Each dwelling has central air conditioning and a garage ranging in size from 420 to 462 square feet of building area. Two comparables each have one fireplace. The properties sold in February and June 2020 for prices ranging from \$345,000 to \$430,000 or from \$199.72 to \$257.86 per square foot of above grade living area, land included.

The appellant also submitted a copy of the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) sheet on comparable #1 which depicted the property as "massively expanded and completely renovated inside and out." Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's total assessment be reduced to \$137,700 which reflects a market value of \$413,141 or \$222.00 per square foot of above grade living area, land included, 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 \$160,887. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$483,289 or \$259.69 per square foot of above grade 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 0.64 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 10,000 to 11,442 square feet of land area and are improved with split-level dwellings of frame exterior construction each with 1,409 square feet of above grade living area. The homes were built from 1986 to 1989. Each comparable has a finished lower level and a basement with four having finished basement area. Each dwelling has central air conditioning and a 420 square foot garage. Four homes each have one fireplace. The properties sold from March to December 2019 for prices ranging from \$377,250 to \$412,000 or from \$267.74 to \$292.41 per square foot of above grade living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the subject's assessment be confirmed.

### **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 parties submitted eight comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board finds that both parties' comparables are generally similar to the subject in location, age, design and other features but have varying degrees of similarity to the subject in site size and dwelling size. These comparables sold from March 2019 to June 2020 for prices ranging from \$345,000 to \$430,000 or from \$199.72 to \$292.41 per square foot of above grade living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$483,289 or \$259.69 per square foot of above grade living area, including land, which falls above the range established by the comparable sales in this record on an overall market value basis and within the range on a per square foot basis.

Given the subject's larger site size, relative to the comparables in the record, and its inground swimming pool, which the comparable properties lack, a higher overall market value for the subject appears to be logical. After considering appropriate adjustments to the 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.



Chairman



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:

February 21, 2023



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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