



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

APPELLANT: Reed & Susan Rehorst  
DOCKET NO.: 20-03774.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 15-28-207-034

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Reed & Susan Rehorst, the appellants, 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:** \$38,130  
**IMPR.:** \$93,360  
**TOTAL:** \$131,490

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 tri-level dwelling of wood siding exterior construction with 1,411 square feet of above grade living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1988. Features of the home include a finished lower level, an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, and a 441 square foot garage.<sup>1</sup> The property has a 11,004 square foot site and is located in Buffalo Grove, Vernon Township, Lake County.

The appellants contend overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellants submitted a grid analysis with information on four comparable sales and Multiple Listing Service (MLS) sheets for comparables #3 and #4. The comparables are located within

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<sup>1</sup> The best description of the subject property was found in the property record card submitted by the board of review. A sketch of the subject's floor plan indicates a 441 square foot garage including 315 square feet of built-in/integral garage area.

0.38 of a mile from the subject property with sites that range in size from 10,000 to 11,238 square feet of land area and are improved with similar split-level dwellings of frame exterior construction with 1,409 square feet of above grade living area. The dwellings were built in 1987 or 1989. The appellants reported that each comparable has a finished lower level and a finished basement.<sup>2</sup> Each comparable has central air conditioning and a 420 square foot garage. Three comparables each have one fireplace. The properties sold from March 2019 to April 2020 for prices ranging from \$355,000 to \$405,000 or from \$251.95 to \$287.44 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellants requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$128,388 which reflects a market value of \$385,203 or \$273.00 per square foot of living area, land included, when applying the statutory assessment level of 33.33%.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$131,490. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$394,984 or \$279.93 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 four comparable sales located within 0.15 of a mile from the subject property. Board of review comparables #1 and #4 are the same property as the appellants' comparables #3 and #2, respectively. The comparables have sites that range in size from 9,000 to 10,440 square feet of land area and are improved with tri-level dwellings of wood siding exterior construction with 1,409 square feet of above grade living area. The homes were built from 1987 to 1989. The board of review reported that each comparable has a lower level and a basement, with three having finished basement area.<sup>3</sup> Each comparable has central air conditioning and a 420 square foot garage. Three comparables each have a fireplace. The properties sold from March to October 2020 for prices ranging from \$395,000 to \$423,500 or from \$280.34 to \$300.57 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the subject's assessment be confirmed.

### **Conclusion of Law**

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

The record contains six comparable sales for the Board's consideration as two comparables were common to both parties. The Board finds the comparables submitted by both parties are similar to the subject in location, age, design, above grade living area and most features. However, five

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<sup>2</sup> The Multiple Listing Service (MLS) sheet on appellants' comparable #3 describes the property with a finished basement area including a 16'x22' recreation room.

<sup>3</sup> Board of review comparable #1 is the same property as the appellants' comparable #3 which is described to have a finished basement recreation room in the MLS sheet submitted by the appellants.

of the six comparables are reported to have finished basement area in contrast to the subject's unfinished basement feature. The comparables sold from March 2019 to October 2020 for prices ranging from \$355,000 to \$423,500 or from \$251.95 to \$300.57 per square foot of living area, including land. Board of review comparable #3 has an unfinished basement and is considered most similar to the subject. This property sold in May 2019 for a price of \$412,000 or \$292.41 per square foot of above grade living area. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$394,984 or \$279.93 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the comparable sales and below the most similar comparable in this record. After considering 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



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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: December 21, 2021



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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