



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

APPELLANT: Jonathan Charak  
DOCKET NO.: 20-03854.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 15-23-202-003

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jonathan Charak, 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:** \$66,224  
**IMPR.:** \$132,647  
**TOTAL:** \$198,871

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 brick exterior construction with 3,077 square feet of living area. The dwelling was built in 1969. Features of the home include a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, one fireplace, and an 840 square foot attached garage. The property has an approximately 20,473 square feet of land area and is located in Lincolnshire, Vernon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on five comparable sales with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property and located from 0.63 of a mile to 1.09 miles from the subject. The comparables each have sites with 20,038 square feet of land area. The appellant reported that the comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of brick and frame exterior construction ranging in size from 2,580 to 3,364 square feet of living area. The dwellings were

built from 1965 to 1972 with comparable #2 having an effective built year of 1975. The appellant reported that each comparable has a basement with four having finished area, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces, and a 506 or 650 square foot attached garage. The properties sold from July 2019 to June 2020 for prices ranging from \$366,500 to \$575,000 or from \$142.05 to \$184.42 per square foot of living area, land included.

Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$176,397, which would reflect a market value of \$529,244 or \$172.00 per square foot of living area, including land, when using 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 \$198,871 reflecting a market value of \$597,390 or \$194.15 per square foot of living area, including land, 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 the subject's assessment, the board of review submitted information on five comparable sales with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property and located within approximately 1.00 mile from the subject. The comparables have sites ranging from 20,040 to 37,030 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with 1.5-story or 2-story dwellings of brick, wood siding, brick and wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,762 to 3,319 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1966 to 1977 with comparables #2 and #5 having effective built years of 1979 and 1971, respectively. The board of review reported that four comparables each have a basement with two having finished area and one comparable has a crawl space foundation. Each comparable has central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces, and a 550 to 667 square foot attached garage. The properties sold from February 2019 to October 2020 for prices ranging from \$612,000 to \$710,000 or from \$189.45 to \$244.41 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

### **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 record contains ten comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #1, #3, #4, and #5 as well as board of review comparables #3, #4, and #5 which are less proximate in location than the other comparables in the record, or differ from the subject in dwelling size and/or basement finish.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the parties' three remaining comparables which are more similar to the subject in location, design, age, dwelling size, and most features. These properties sold from July 2019 to October 2020 for prices ranging from \$575,000 to \$710,000 or from \$170.93 to \$244.41 per square foot of living area, land included. The subject's

assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$597,390 or \$194.15 per square foot of living area, land included, which falls within the range of the best comparable sales in the record. Based on the record and after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is supported and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

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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