



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

APPELLANT: Robert Westrich  
DOCKET NO.: 20-04064.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 15-23-209-001

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Robert Westrich, the appellant, by attorney Eric Feldman, of Eric Feldman & Assoc. P.C. 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:** \$64,637  
**IMPR.:** \$94,942  
**TOTAL:** \$159,579

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 one-story dwelling of wood siding exterior construction with 2,747 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1957 and has an effective year built of 1967. Features of the home include a crawl space foundation, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a 792 square foot garage. The property has a 23,960 square foot site 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 four comparable sales located within .57 of a mile from the subject property, three of which are in the same neighborhood. Three comparables are reported to have sites with either 20,040 or 25,260 square feet of land area. The comparables are described as one-story dwellings of wood siding or wood siding and brick exterior construction ranging in size from 2,563 to 3,007 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed

from 1957 to 1977 and comparables #1, #2 and #3 have effective years built from 1961 to 1964. Each comparable has a crawl space or slab foundation, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a garage ranging in size from 484 to 818 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from February 2019 to July 2020 for prices ranging from \$290,000 to \$485,000 or from \$113.15 to \$171.86 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$159,579. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$479,360 or \$174.50 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 five comparable sales located within 1 mile from the subject. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 19,170 to 21,340 square feet of land area and are improved with one-story dwellings of wood siding, brick, or wood siding and brick exterior construction ranging in size from 2,633 to 3,065 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 1958 to 2014 with one comparable having an effective year built of 1978. One comparable has a slab foundation and four comparables have basements with two having finished area. Each comparable has central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 436 to 771 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from February 2019 to November 2020 for prices ranging from \$488,000 to \$775,000 or from \$176.81 to \$252.85 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested that 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 record contains nine comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to appellant's comparable #4 and board of review comparables #2 through #5 due to differences from the subject dwelling in age and/or foundation type. In addition, three comparables are located in a different neighborhood than the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellant's comparables #1, #2 and #3 along with board of review comparable #1 which are more similar to the subject in location, site size, age, design, dwelling size and features. The comparables sold from June 2019 to July 2020 for prices ranging from \$430,000 to \$488,000 or from \$146.11 to \$176.81 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$479,360 or \$174.50 per square foot of living area, including land, which is within the range established by the best comparable sales in the record. After considering adjustments to the best comparables

for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is supported. Based on this evidence, 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.



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Chairman



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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



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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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