



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

APPELLANT: Jay Sailer  
DOCKET NO.: 20-04332.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 12-21-102-013

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jay Sailer, 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:** \$92,618  
**IMPR.:** \$53,381  
**TOTAL:** \$145,999

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 1-story dwelling of wood siding exterior construction with 1,438 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1965. Features of the home include a slab foundation, central air conditioning, a fireplace and an attached 420 square foot garage. The property has a 7,680 square foot site and is located in Lake Bluff, Shields Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on six comparable sales that are located from .03 to .54 of a mile from the subject. The appellant listed the same sale as both comparable #1 and comparable #4, so the Board has renumbered the appellant's remaining comparables as comparables #4, #5 and #6. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 6,220 to 8,886 square feet of land area that are improved with 1-story dwellings ranging in size from 1,256 to 1,714 square feet of living

area. The dwellings were built from 1928 to 1962. Five comparables have unfinished basements and one comparable does not have a basement. Five comparables have central air conditioning, four comparables each have a fireplace, and each comparable has a garage ranging in size from 242 to 462 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from May 2019 to June 2020 for prices ranging from \$270,000 to \$440,000 or from \$191.06 to \$314.49 per square foot of living area, including land.

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 \$145,999. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$438,567 or \$304.98 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 three comparable sales that are located from .15 to .41 of a mile from the subject. The board of review's comparable #3 is the same property as the appellant's comparable #4. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 7,500 to 9,800 square feet of land area that are improved with 1-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 1,337 to 1,590 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1956 to 1961. Two comparables have unfinished basements and one comparable has a crawl-space foundation. Two comparables have central air conditioning, each comparable has a fireplace, and each comparable has an attached garage ranging in size from 440 to 550 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from October 2019 to November 2020 for prices ranging from \$440,000 to \$485,000 or from \$276.73 to \$362.75 per square foot of living area, including land.

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 parties submitted a total of eight comparable sales for the Board's consideration, one of which was submitted by both parties. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #1, #3, #4, #5 and #6, due to their dissimilar basement foundation when compared to the subject. The Board also gives less weight to the board of review's comparables #2 and #3, which includes the parties' common comparable, due to their dissimilar basement foundation when compared to the subject. The Board finds the parties' remaining comparables have varying degrees of similarity to the subject. The best comparables sold in May and October 2019 for prices of \$282,000 and \$485,000 or \$191.06 and \$362.75 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$438,567 or \$304.98 per

square foot of living area, including land, which falls between the market values of the best comparables 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 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.

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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: March 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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