



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

APPELLANT: Haluk Discekici  
DOCKET NO.: 20-05368.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 15-32-104-008

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Haluk Discekici, 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 ***a reduction*** 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:** \$30,765  
**IMPR.:** \$93,337  
**TOTAL:** \$124,102

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 two-story dwelling of wood siding exterior construction with 2,536 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1970 but has a reported effective age of 1972. Features of the home include a crawl space foundation, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 440 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 8,775 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 five comparable sales with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and located within .35 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 8,767 to 11,595 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of frame exterior construction ranging in size from 2,136 to 2,622 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1970 to 1972

with comparables #2 and #3 having reported effective ages of 1973 and 1975, respectively. Each comparable has a crawl space foundation, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a 440 square foot garage. The comparables sold from April 2019 to January 2020 for prices ranging from \$300,310 to \$372,000 or from \$140.59 to \$156.84 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$115,799, which would reflect a market value of \$347,432 or \$137.00 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 \$133,293. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$400,400 or \$157.89 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 with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and located within .43 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 8,770 to 11,400 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,136 to 2,598 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built in 1969 or 1970 with comparables #1 and #2 having reported effective ages of 1974 and 1972, respectively. One comparable has a crawl space foundation and two comparables each have a basement. Each comparable has central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 440 square foot garage. The comparables sold from March to September 2019 for prices ranging from \$380,000 to \$440,000 or from \$158.60 to \$194.46 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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The record contains eight suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board has given less weight to the appellant's comparables #1, #4 and #5 due to their smaller dwelling sizes, when compared to the subject. The Board has given reduced weight to board of review comparables #1 and #3 as each dwelling has a basement, unlike the subject. Furthermore, board of review comparable #3 has a smaller dwelling size when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparables #2 and #3, along with board of review comparable #2, which are overall more similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, design, age and some features. These comparables sold from March to September 2019 for prices ranging from \$332,000 to \$380,000 or from \$141.16 to \$158.60 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of

\$400,400 or \$157.89 per square foot of living area, including land, which is greater than the best comparable sales in the record in terms of overall market value but within the range of the best sales on a price per square foot basis. However, 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 excessive. Therefore, based on this record the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is 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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