



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

APPELLANT: Paul Schlismann  
DOCKET NO.: 20-05486.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 16-33-104-030

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Paul Schlismann, 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:** \$35,466  
**IMPR.:** \$54,182  
**TOTAL:** \$89,648

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 1,118 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1952. Features of the home include an unfinished partial basement, central air conditioning and a 701 square foot garage. The property has a 7,250 square foot site and is located in Deerfield, West Deerfield 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 which are located from .79 to .96 of a mile from the subject. The parcels for four of the properties range in size from 6,251 to 10,001 square feet of land area; no land size was provided for comparables #2 and #5. The properties are each improved with a one-story dwelling built from 1950 to 1959. The homes range in size from 924 to 1,327 square feet of living area and feature basements. Four of the dwellings have

central air conditioning and five of the comparables have garages ranging in size from 286 to 624 square feet of building area. Two of the dwellings each have a fireplace. As part of a brief, the appellant reported that comparables #3 had a recent rehab; the provided listing sheet for comparable #3 further indicates the property sold as a short sale in "as-is" condition. The brief further noted differences in land values, basement finish, garage size and/or other amenities when compared to the subject property. The properties sold from April 2019 to June 2020 for prices ranging from \$200,000 to \$385,000 or from \$211.42 to \$313.77 per square foot of living area, including land.

Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced total assessment of \$84,587 which would reflect a market value of \$253,786 or \$227.00 per square foot of living area, including land, at 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 \$89,648. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$269,294 or \$240.87 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, where comparable #1 is located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. Two of the comparables consist of parcels of 7,250 and 10,010 square feet of land area; no lot size was provided for comparable #2. While each of the comparables are described as one-story homes, further examination of the record indicates that comparables #2 and #3 are actually split-level designed dwellings. The homes were built in 1952 or 1956 and range in size from 981 to 1,228 square feet of living area. The split-levels have lower levels and comparable #1 has a basement with a recreation room. Each dwelling has central air conditioning and a garage ranging in size from 260 to 587 square feet of building area. Two of the dwellings each have a fireplace. The comparables sold from July 2019 to September 2020 for prices ranging from \$208,100 to \$365,000 or from \$212.13 to \$302.15 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 nine comparable sales to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board has given reduced weight to appellant's comparables #2 and #4 due to differences in dwelling size and/or garage amenity when compared to the subject. The Board has given reduced weight to board of review comparables #2 and #3 which differ in design from the subject as the evidence indicates these are split-level dwellings.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellant's comparable sales #1, #3, #5 and #6 along with board of review comparable sale #1. These comparables present varying degrees of similarity to the subject in design, age, dwelling size and/or features. The comparables sold from August 2019 to September 2020 for prices ranging from \$208,100 to \$385,000 or from \$212.13 to \$313.77 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$269,294 or \$240.87 per square foot of living area, including land, which is within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. Based on this evidence and after considering appropriate adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, including the subject's much larger garage than any of the comparables, 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:

February 15, 2022



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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