



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

APPELLANT: Punniyamurthy Sunderam  
DOCKET NO.: 20-07124.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 18-24-402-013

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Punniyamurthy Sunderam, the appellant, by Jessica Hill-Magiera, Attorney at Law in Lake Zurich; and the McHenry 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 **McHenry** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:** \$24,450  
**IMPR.:** \$158,865  
**TOTAL:** \$183,315

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the McHenry 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 frame exterior construction with 4,240 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2002 and is approximately 15 years old. Features of the home include a walk out basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 699 square foot 3-car garage. The property has a 21,260 square foot site and is located in Lake in the Hills, Grafton Township, McHenry County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on eight comparable sales located in the same neighborhood as the subject and within 0.69 of a mile from the subject. The comparables are improved with dwellings ranging in size from 3,774 to 4,241 square feet of living area that were built from 1992 to 2004. Each comparable is reported to have a basement and 3-car garage. Seven comparables each have one or two fireplaces. The comparables sold from September 2019 to September 2020 for prices ranging from \$375,000 to \$499,900 or from \$97.40 to \$123.18 per square foot of

living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellants 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 \$183,315. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$549,505 or \$129.60 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2020 three-year average median level of assessment for McHenry County of 33.36% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales located in the same neighborhood as the subject and within 0.60 of a mile from the subject. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 19,326 to 21,910 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of brick or frame exterior construction ranging in size from 3,106 to 5,729 square feet of living area. The dwellings range in age from 15 to 21 years old. Each comparable is reported to have a basement, two of walk out design, central air conditioning, one to four fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 698 to 1,014 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from September 2019 to July 2020 for prices ranging from \$534,000 to \$735,000 or from \$128.29 to \$171.93 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 record contains ten suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board has given less weight to appellant's comparable #7 along with board of review comparables #2, #3 and #4 due to their dissimilar dwelling size when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the parties remaining comparables. The Board finds these comparables are relatively similar to the subject in location, design, age, dwelling size and some features. The comparables sold from September 2019 to September 2020 for prices ranging from \$375,000 to \$615,000 or from \$97.40 to \$153.06 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$549,505 or \$129.60 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range by the best comparable sales in the record. Based on this record and after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds no 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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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: June 27, 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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