



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

APPELLANT: Kevin & Stephanie Weber  
DOCKET NO.: 20-08172.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 01-34-307-013

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Kevin & Stephanie Weber, the appellants, by Jessica Hill-Magiera, Attorney at Law in Lake Zurich; and the DuPage 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 **DuPage** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:** \$38,000  
**IMPR.:** \$108,100  
**TOTAL:** \$146,100

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellants timely filed the appeal from a decision of the DuPage 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 part 2-story and part 1-story dwelling of brick and frame exterior construction with 3,392 square feet of living area.<sup>1</sup> The dwelling was constructed in 1988. Features of the home include a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, two fireplaces, and a garage containing 528 square feet of building area. The property has an approximately 20,113 square foot site and is located in West Chicago, Wayne Township, DuPage County.

The appellants contend overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellants submitted information on six comparable sales located within .37 of a mile of the subject and within the subject's assessment neighborhood. The comparables consist of part 2-

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<sup>1</sup> Details not reported by the appellants were drawn from the subject's property record card submitted by the board of review.

story and part 1-story dwellings of frame, brick and frame, or brick and stucco exterior construction ranging in size from 3,154 to 3,350 square feet of living area.<sup>2</sup> The homes were built from 1988 to 1992. Each dwelling has central air conditioning, one to three fireplaces, a basement with four having finished area, and a garage ranging in size from 420 to 704 square feet of building area. The parcels range in size from 13,770 to 20,741 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from April 2019 to October 2020 for prices ranging from \$309,000 to \$375,000 or from \$96.05 to \$116.75 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellants requested a reduced assessment of \$126,832, for an estimated market value of \$380,534 or \$112.19 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying 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 \$146,100. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$437,425 or \$128.96 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2020 three-year average median level of assessment for DuPage County of 33.40% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on nine comparable sales located within .45 of a mile of the subject and within the subject's assessment neighborhood. The comparables consist of 2-story, part 1.5-story and part 1-story, and part 2-story and part 1-story dwellings of frame or frame and brick exterior construction ranging in size from 2,687 to 3,328 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1988 to 1997. Each dwelling has central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces, a basement with seven having finished area, and a garage ranging in size from 410 to 768 square feet of building area. The parcels range in size from 13,500 to 26,302 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from April 2018 to November 2020 for prices ranging from \$371,500 to \$462,000 or from \$127.40 to \$148.38 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

In rebuttal, the appellants argued that board of review comparables #3 through #6 should be given less weight due to differences from the subject in dwelling size, design, or having a remote sale date.

### **Conclusion of Law**

The appellants contend 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 appellants did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted a total of 15 comparable sales to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board gives less weight to the appellants' comparables #1 and #2, along with board of review comparables #2 and #9, which lack finished basement area, a

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feature of the subject. The Board also gives reduced weight to board of review comparable #5 due to its remote sale date for valuation as of January 1, 2020 and board of review comparables #3 and #8 due to their smaller dwellings in relation to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellants' comparable sales #3 through #6 and board of review comparable sales #1, #4, #6, and #7, which are similar to the subject in age, location, dwelling size, and features. These most similar comparables sold from April 2019 to November 2020 for prices ranging from \$360,000 to \$462,000 or from \$110.45 to \$143.21 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$437,425 or \$128.96 per square foot of living area, including land, which is within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. Alternatively, removing the high and low sales from the analysis results in a tighter range of sale prices from \$370,000 to \$430,000 or from \$110.45 to \$131.02 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's estimated market value falls within the range on a per-square-foot basis and slightly above the range overall, which is justified given the subject is the largest dwelling presented by the parties. Based on this evidence and after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, 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



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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:

May 16, 2023



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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