



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

APPELLANT: Mahendra Patel  
DOCKET NO.: 20-08217.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 02-06-410-067

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Mahendra Patel, the appellant, by attorney Ryan Schaeffges, of the Law Office of Ryan Schaeffges, P.C. in Wheeling; 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:** \$12,560  
**IMPR.:** \$31,760  
**TOTAL:** \$44,320

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant 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 1-story dwelling of mixed exterior construction with 1,062 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1978 and is approximately 42 years old. Features of the home include central air conditioning and a 1-car garage. The property is located in Hanover Park, Bloomingdale Township, DuPage County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on three comparable sales located in the same assessment neighborhood as the subject. The comparables are improved with 1-story or 2-story homes of mixed exterior construction with either 1,062 or 1,152 square feet of living area. The dwellings are 42 or 45 years old. Each home has central air conditioning and a 1-car garage. The comparables sold from June to September 2019 for prices ranging from \$121,500 to \$131,000 or from \$113.71 to \$122.41 per square foot of living area, including land.

Based on this evidence the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to \$41,000 which would reflect a market value of \$123,012 or \$115.83 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 \$44,320. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$132,695 or \$124.95 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 five comparable sales, together with property record cards for both parties' comparables and a map depicting the locations of the parties' comparables in relation to the subject. The comparables are improved with 1-story homes of mixed exterior construction with 1,062 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1976 to 1978. Each home has a 1-car garage and four homes have central air conditioning. The comparables sold from December 2018 to April 2020 for prices ranging from \$144,900 to \$153,000 or from \$136.44 to \$144.07 per square foot of living area, including land.

The board of review submitted a letter of the township assessor contending that the appellant's comparables have similar amenities to the subject but one comparable is a 2-story home compared to the subject 1-story home. The township assessor further contended that the board of review's comparables are all 1-story homes of the same dwelling size as the subject.

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 a total of eight comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparable #1, which is a 2-story dwelling compared to the subject 1-story home. The Board gives less weight to the board of review's comparable #2, which sold less proximate in time to the January 1, 2020 assessment date than other comparables in this record.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparables #2 and #3 and the board of review's comparables #1, #3, #4, and #5, which are identical to the subject in dwelling size and similar to the subject in age, location, and most features. These most similar comparables sold from March 2019 to April 2020 for prices ranging from \$121,500 to \$153,000 or from \$114.41 to \$144.07 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's

assessment reflects a market value of \$132,695 or \$124.95 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 from 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



Member



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:

October 18, 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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