



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

APPELLANT: William & Susan Korver  
DOCKET NO.: 20-08428.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 05-16-421-022

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are William & Susan Korver, 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:** \$30,600  
**IMPR.:** \$152,940  
**TOTAL:** \$183,540

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 2-story dwelling of frame and masonry exterior construction with 2,128 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1952. Features of the home include a basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 440 square foot garage. The property has a 10,794 square foot site and is located in Wheaton, Milton Township, DuPage County.

The appellants contend overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellants submitted information on five comparable sales located within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and within .97 of a mile from the subject. These comparables are described as 2-story dwellings built from 1936 to 1961 that range in size from 1,914 to 2,451 square feet of living area. The comparables each have a basement, three of which have finished area. Each comparable also has central air conditioning and a garage ranging in size from 216 to

548 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from May 2019 to September 2020 for prices ranging from \$415,000 to \$532,500 or from \$175.44 to \$235.52 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellants requested a reduction in the subject's total assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$183,540. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$549,521 or \$258.23 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 response to the appellants' appeal, the board of review argued appellants' comparables #2 through #6 are not similar to the subject due to their location that is across Roosevelt Road from the subject (see map). Based on the map submitted by the board of review, only appellants' comparables #2, #4, #5 and #6 are located across Roosevelt Road from the subject. The board of review provided a grid analysis reiterating three of the appellants' comparables but also included information on three comparables that were not part of the appellants' evidence and therefore, they will not be further addressed.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information prepared by the township assessor on three comparable sales located within 1.13 miles from the subject and within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are reported to have sites ranging in size from approximately 8,472 to 10,943 square feet of land area and are improved with 2-story dwellings of frame or frame and masonry exterior construction built from 1928 to 1951. The dwellings range in size from 1,806 to 2,314 square feet of living area and have basements, two of which have finished area. Each comparable has central air conditioning, one fireplace and a garage ranging in size from 420 to 528 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from June 2017 to September 2020 for prices ranging from \$486,500 to \$601,000 or from \$252.86 to \$287.93 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

In written rebuttal, counsel for the appellants' contended that board of review comparables #2 through #3 are not comparable due to location being over 1 mile away from the subject or remote 2017 sale.

### **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 Board finds the parties submitted eight comparable sales to support their respective positions. The Board gives less weight to appellants' comparables #1, #2 and #4 as well as board of review comparables #2 and #3 which have finished basement area when compared to

the subject. Moreover, board of review comparable #3 sold less proximate in time to the January 1, 2020 assessment date than the other sales in the record.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellants' comparable sales #3 and #5 along with board of review comparable sale #1 which sold proximate in time to the assessment date at issue and have unfinished basements. These comparables are also relatively similar to the subject in age, dwelling size and some features. These comparables sold from February 2019 to September 2020 for prices ranging from \$430,000 to \$601,000 or from \$183.13 to \$259.72 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$549,521 or \$258.23 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. Based on this record and after considering adjustments to the best comparable sales 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



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:

November 21, 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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