



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

APPELLANT: Joe Mathew  
DOCKET NO.: 21-01031.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 15-21-410-002

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Joe Mathew, the appellant, by attorney Eric Feldman, of Eric Feldman & Assoc. P.C. in Chicago; 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:** \$27,785  
**IMPR.:** \$152,883  
**TOTAL:** \$180,668

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 2021 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 wood siding exterior construction with 3,155 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1997. Features of the home include a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 748 square foot garage. The property has a 11,760 square foot site and is located in Buffalo Grove, Vernon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on five comparable sales located in the same neighborhood code as the subject property and within 0.21 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are reported to have sites ranging in size from 10,020 to 11,330 square feet on land area. These comparables are described as 2-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction that were built 1997 or 1998 containing either 3,001 or 3,881 square feet of living area. Each comparable has a basement, two with finished area. Each comparable has central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 483 to 704 square feet of building area. Comparable

#4 has an inground pool. The comparables sold from January to October 2020 for prices ranging from \$508,000 to \$587,000 or from \$151.25 to \$183.24 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant 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 \$180,668. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$543,362 or \$172.22 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2021 three-year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.25% 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, comparable #2 is the same property as the appellant's comparable #1. Four comparables are located in the same neighborhood code as the subject and all the comparables are within 0.33 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range from 10,450 to 15,090 square feet on land area. The comparables are described as 2-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction that were built from 1990 to 1998. The dwellings range in size from 2,593 to 3,579 square feet of living area. Each comparable has a basement, two with finished area. Each comparable has central air conditioning and a garage ranging in size from 483 to 744 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from January 2020 to May 2021 for prices ranging from \$465,000 to \$609,900 or from \$155.07 to \$205.09 per square foot of living area, land included. 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 Board finds the parties submitted eight comparable sales, with one comparable being common to both parties, for the Boards consideration. The Board gives less weight to appellant's comparable #3 along with the board of review comparables #3 and #5 due to their dissimilar dwelling sizes when compared to the subject. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparable #4 due to its inground swimming pool, a feature the subject lacks.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the parties remaining comparables which are most similar to the subject in location, design, dwelling size, age and features. These comparables sold from January 2020 to May 2021 for prices ranging from \$508,000 to \$609,900 or from \$155.07 to \$203.10 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$543,362 or \$172.22 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the best comparables sales in this record. Based on this record 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.



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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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