



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

APPELLANT: Shirley Pollock  
DOCKET NO.: 21-01665.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 06-07-408-008

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Shirley Pollock, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld, of Robert H. Rosenfeld & Associates, LLC 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:** \$12,279  
**IMPR.:** \$62,866  
**TOTAL:** \$75,145

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 part 1-story and part 2-story dwelling of wood siding exterior construction with 2,192 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2002 and is approximately 19 years old. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning and a garage containing 440 square feet of building area. The property has a 10,454 square foot site and is located in Round Lake Heights, Lake Villa Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on four suggested equity comparables that are in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and located within 0.22 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are improved with part 1-story and part 2-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,754 to 2,790 square feet of living that are 19 years old. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning and a garage containing either 590 or 630 square feet of building area. Two comparables each have a fireplace. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$50,779 to \$74,802 or from

\$18.36 to \$26.81 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$52,334 or \$23.88 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$75,145. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$62,866 or \$28.68 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on eight suggested equity comparables that are in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and located within 0.29 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are improved with part 1-story and part 2-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,192 to 2,222 square feet of living area that were built in 2002. Each comparable has a basement with finished area, central air conditioning and a garage containing 440 square feet of building area. Six comparables each have one or two fireplaces. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$64,964 to \$67,687 or from \$29.64 to \$30.63 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

### **Conclusion of Law**

The taxpayer contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. When unequal treatment in the assessment process is the basis of the appeal, the inequity of the assessments must be proved by clear and convincing evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of unequal treatment in the assessment process should consist of documentation of the assessments for the assessment year in question of not less than three comparable properties showing the similarity, proximity and lack of distinguishing characteristics of the assessment comparables to the subject property. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(b). The Board finds the appellant did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted twelve suggested comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board has given less weight to the appellant's comparables due to their significantly larger dwelling sizes when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the board of review comparables which are most similar to the subject in location, design, dwelling size, age and some features. These most similar comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$65,522 to \$66,610 or from \$29.65 to \$30.14 per square foot of living area. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$62,866 or \$28.68 per square foot of living area, which falls below the range of the best comparables in this record. Based on this record, and after considering differences between the equity comparables and the subject, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement assessment was inequitably assessed and a reduction in the 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 17, 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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