



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

APPELLANT: Brent Engelberg  
DOCKET NO.: 21-02262.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 16-03-101-002

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Brent Engelberg, the appellant, by attorney Andrew J. Rukavina, of The Tax Appeal Company in Mundelein; 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:** \$132,398  
**IMPR.:** \$379,020  
**TOTAL:** \$511,418

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 1.5-story dwelling of brick exterior construction with 4,141 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2000. Features of the home include a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, four fireplaces and a 630 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 18,830 square foot site and is located in Lake Forrest, Moraine 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, with one comparable located in the same neighborhood code as the subject and within 0.58 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 14,510 to 49,010 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with 1.75-story or 2-story dwellings of brick, wood siding or brick and wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 3,506 to 4,543 square feet of living area that were built from 1942 to 2006, with comparables #1, #4 and #5 having effective years built of 1971, 1982 and 1968, respectively. Each comparable has a basement with finished area,

central air conditioning, one to three fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 400 to 844 square feet of building area. Comparable #4 has an additional 400 square foot garage and comparable #1 has an inground swimming pool. The comparables sold from June 2020 to August 2021 for prices ranging from \$920,000 to \$1,625,000 or from \$202.96 to \$357.69 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$511,418. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$1,538,099 or \$371.43 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 four comparable sales, located in a different neighborhood code as the subject and within 0.85 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 27,250 to 50,930 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with 1.75-story or 2-story dwellings of brick, wood siding or brick and wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 3,346 to 4,356 square feet of living area that were built from 1910 to 1977, with comparables #1, #3 and #4 having effective years built of 1998, 1939 and 1945, respectively. Three comparables each have a basement, two with finished area, and one comparable has a concrete slab foundation. Each comparable has central air conditioning, one or three fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 440 to 754 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from March 2020 to June 2021 for prices ranging from \$1,250,000 to \$2,050,000 or from \$373.58 to \$505.94 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, counsel for the appellant contended that board of review comparables are not comparable due to differences in neighborhood code land size, ages, style and features when compared to the subject.

### **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 nine suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board has given less weight to the appellant's comparables #1, #4 and #5 along as the board of review comparables #2, #3 and #4 which are less similar to the subject in age/effective age or dwelling size when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparables #2 and #3 along with the board of review comparable #1 which are more similar to the subject in

age/effective age with varying degrees of similarity in location, dwelling size and features. These comparables sold from October 2020 to July 2021 for prices ranging from \$1,170,000 to \$1,650,000 or from \$281.80 or \$378.79 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$1,535,099 or \$371.43 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the best comparable sales contained 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 no reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

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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