



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

APPELLANT: Ward Ross  
DOCKET NO.: 21-03158.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 16-09-108-022

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Ward Ross, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld, of Robert H. Rosenfeld and Associates, LLC in Chicago, and the Lake County Board of Review.<sup>1</sup>

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:** \$65,339  
**IMPR.:** \$96,733  
**TOTAL:** \$162,072

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 brick and wood siding exterior construction with 2,322 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1965 and is 56 years old. Features of the home include a slab foundation, central air conditioning, two fireplaces, and an attached 528 square foot garage. The property has a 12,750 square foot site and is located in Lake Forest, West Deerfield Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on four comparable sales located within .27 miles from the subject property. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 12,153 to 12,750 square feet of land area and are improved with 1.8-story or 2-story dwellings of brick or wood siding

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<sup>1</sup> The parties agreed to forgo the scheduled virtual hearing on this case and have the Board issue a decision based on the evidence in the record.

exterior construction ranging in size from 2,254 to 3,200 square feet of living area. The dwellings are 45 to 55 years old. Two comparables have basements with one having finished area and two comparables have slab foundations. Each comparable has central air conditioning, one fireplace and a garage that ranges in size from 484 to 575 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from May to December 2019 for prices ranging from \$400,000 to \$575,000 or from \$163.46 to \$179.69 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 \$162,072. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$486,265 or \$209.42 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%. In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on five comparable sales located within .24 miles from the subject property. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 12,750 to 15,390 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of wood siding or brick and wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,456 to 2,576 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1964 to 1975. Each comparable has a slab foundation, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a garage that ranges in size from 400 to 606 square feet of building area. The properties sold from November 2020 to April 2021 for prices ranging from \$585,000 to \$700,000 or from \$227.10 to \$278.91 per square foot of living area, including land. 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 nine suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board has given less weight to the appellant's comparables which sold over 12 months prior to the January 1, 2021 assessment date and were less likely to be indicative of the subject's market value and/or have a significantly larger dwelling size when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the board of review comparables which sold more proximate in time to the assessment date at issue and are similar to the subject in location, design, dwelling size, age and features. These comparables sold from November 2020 to April 2021 for prices ranging from \$585,000 to \$700,000 or from \$227.10 to \$278.91 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$486,265 or \$209.42 per square foot of living area, including land, which is below the range established by the best comparable sales in the record. Therefore, after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is supported and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not 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.



Chairman



Member



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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:

December 20, 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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