



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

APPELLANT: Eileen Rich  
DOCKET NO.: 21-04143.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 06-25-107-016

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Eileen Rich, the appellant, by attorney Ronald Kingsley, of Lake County Real Estate Tax Appeal, LLC in Lake Forest, 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:** \$12,337  
**IMPR.:** \$59,859  
**TOTAL:** \$72,196

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 site that contains approximately 6,850 square feet of land area improved with a two-story dwelling of vinyl siding exterior construction containing 1,630 square feet of living area. The dwelling was built in 1994 but has an effective construction date of 1996. Features of the home include a crawl space foundation, central air conditioning, one fireplace, 2.5 bathrooms, and an attached garage with 400 square feet of building area. The property is in Grayslake, Avon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on three comparable sales improved with two-story dwellings that range in size from 1,520 to 1,913 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1992 to 1994 with comparables #2 and #3 having effective construction dates of 1996. Each comparable has central air conditioning, 1.5 or 2.5 bathrooms, and a garage with either 236 or

420 square feet of building area. These properties have sites ranging in size from 6,220 to 7,200 square feet of land area. The comparables have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and are located from .08 to .56 of a mile from the subject property. The sales occurred from September 2019 to January 2020 for prices ranging from \$180,000 to \$219,800 or from \$114.90 to \$139.53 per square foot of living area, including land. The appellant requested the subject's total assessment be reduced to \$67,910.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$72,196. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$217,131 or \$133.21 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 improved with two-story dwellings that have vinyl siding exteriors and range in size from 1,520 to 1,750 square feet of living area. The homes were built in 1994 and 1995 with comparables #1 and #2 having effective construction dates of 1996. Each comparable has a crawl space or concrete slab foundation, central air conditioning, 1.5 or 2.5 bathrooms, and a garage ranging in size from 236 to 420 square feet of building area. Three comparables have one fireplace. These properties have sites ranging in size from 4,790 to 7,980 square feet of land area. The comparables have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and are located from .04 to .82 of a mile from the subject property. The sales occurred from February 2021 to October 2021 for prices ranging from \$227,500 to \$280,000 or from \$138.29 to \$171.99 per square foot of living area, including land.

### **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 best evidence of market value to be appellant's comparable sale #3 and the board of review comparable sales as these properties are improved with homes most similar to the subject in dwelling size and sold most proximate in time to the assessment date at issue. The Board finds appellant's comparable sale #3 and board of review comparable sales #3 and #4 have no fireplace while the subject has one fireplace; appellant's comparable #3 and board of review comparables #1 through #4 have smaller garages than the subject; and board of review comparables #1 and #4 have one less bathroom than the subject, indicating these comparables would require positive or upward adjustments to make them more equivalent to the subject property for these features. These six comparables sold for prices ranging from \$216,000 to \$280,000 or from \$138.29 to \$171.99 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$217,131 or \$133.21 per square foot of living area, including land, which is within the overall price range but below the range on a per square foot of living area basis as established by the best comparable sales in this record. Less weight is

given to appellant's comparable #1 due to differences from the subject dwelling in size and less weight is given to appellant's comparable #2 due to the sale date not being as proximate in time to the assessment date as the best sales in this record. Based on this evidence, after considering the suggested adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds the subject's assessment is correct 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



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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: January 16, 2024



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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