



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

APPELLANT: Daniel Sussan  
DOCKET NO.: 21-04548.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 16-26-101-051

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Daniel Sussan, 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:** \$62,472  
**IMPR.:** \$74,879  
**TOTAL:** \$137,351

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 exterior construction with 2,146 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1964 and has an unfinished basement. The property has an approximately 9,090 square foot site and is located in Highland Park, Moraine 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 that are located within .53 of a mile from the subject. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 7,401 to 11,234 square feet of land area that are improved with 2-story dwellings ranging in size from 2,174 to 2,324 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1920 to 1979 but have effective ages ranging from 1957 to 1979. The comparables have basements, three of which have finished area and one of which has a walkout. The comparables have central air conditioning and a garage ranging in

size from 270 to 460 square feet of building area. Three comparables each have a fireplace. The comparables sold from January 2020 to April 2021 for prices ranging from \$379,000 to \$425,000 or from \$165.65 to \$195.49 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 \$137,351. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$413,086 or \$192.49 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 that are located within .55 of a mile from the subject. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 7,640 to 13,490 square feet of land area that are improved with 2-story dwellings of brick, wood siding or brick and wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 1,800 to 2,812 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1963 to 1968, with two homes built in 1963 and 1968 having 1977 and 1980 effective ages. The comparables have basements, two of which have finished area, a fireplace, and an attached or detached garage ranging in size from 440 to 506 square feet of building area. Four comparables have central air conditioning. The comparables sold from August 2020 to August 2021 for prices ranging from \$455,000 to \$599,000 or from \$210.25 to \$252.78 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 parties submitted a total of nine comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #1, #2 and #3, as well as the board of review's comparables #4 and #5, due to their finished basement area when compared to the subject. The Board finds the parties' remaining comparables are similar to the subject in location, site size, dwelling style, age, size and most features. However, three of the parties' best comparables have central air conditioning when compared to the subject. Nevertheless, the best comparables sold from October 2020 to August 2021 for prices ranging from \$425,000 to \$525,000 or from \$195.49 to \$252.78 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$413,086 or \$192.49 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls below the range established by the best comparable sales in the record. However, after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, such as their central air conditioning, the Board finds the subject's lower estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is justified. Based on this evidence 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.



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:

August 22, 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.

PARTIES OF RECORD

AGENCY

State of Illinois  
Property Tax Appeal Board  
William G. Stratton Building, Room 402  
401 South Spring Street  
Springfield, IL 62706-4001

APPELLANT

Daniel Sussan, by attorney:  
Ronald Kingsley  
Lake County Real Estate Tax Appeal, LLC  
13975 W. Polo Trail Drive  
#201  
Lake Forest, IL 60045

COUNTY

Lake County Board of Review  
Lake County Courthouse  
18 North County Street, 7th Floor  
Waukegan, IL 60085