



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

APPELLANT: Brian Enright  
DOCKET NO.: 21-04902.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 07-17-307-038

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Brian Enright, 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 ***a reduction*** 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:** \$14,484  
**IMPR.:** \$103,483  
**TOTAL:** \$117,967

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 two-story dwelling of wood siding exterior construction with 2,636 square feet of living area.<sup>1</sup> The dwelling was constructed in 1993. Features of the home include a basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 490 square foot garage. The property has a 10,890 square foot site and is located in Gurnee, Warren Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity regarding the land assessment as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on 12 equity comparables that have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and are located within .60 of a mile from the subject property. The improved comparable parcels range in size from 10,350 to 11,326 square feet of land area and have land assessments ranging from \$12,492

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<sup>1</sup> Additional details regarding the subject not reported by the appellant and/or provided by the board of review have been confirmed and/or drawn from the subject's property record card presented by the board of review.

to \$15,038 or \$1.19 and \$1.33 per square foot of land area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's land assessment to \$14,484 or \$1.33 per square foot of land area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$120,111. The subject property has a land assessment of \$16,628 or \$1.53 per square foot of land area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted two separate grid analyses with information on eight equity comparables that have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and are located within .52 of a mile from the subject property.<sup>2</sup> The board of review's comparable #2 is the same property as the appellant's comparable #8. The improved comparable parcels range in size from 10,890 to 15,630 square feet of land area and have land assessments ranging from \$14,458 to \$20,041 or from \$1.28 to \$1.53 per square foot of land area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's land 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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The record contains a total of 19 land equity comparables for the Board's consideration, as one comparable was common to the parties. The Board has given less weight to the appellant's comparables #2, #3, #4, #6, #9, #10, #11 and #12, as well as board of review comparables #3, #4, #5, #6, #7 and #8 due to their less similar land sizes in relation to the subject when compared to the remaining comparables in the record.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the appellant's comparables #1, #5, #7 and #8/board of review comparable #2, along with board of review comparable #1, which are similar to the subject in location and identical to the subject in land size. These five comparables have land assessments ranging from \$13,012 to \$14,965 or from \$1.19 to \$1.37 per square foot of land area. The subject's land assessment of \$16,628 or \$1.53 per square foot of land area falls above the range established by the best comparables in the record. Based on this record, the Board finds the appellant did demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's land was inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's land assessment commensurate with the appellant's request is warranted.

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<sup>2</sup> The Board has renumbered the board of review's second set of three comparables as #6 through #8 for ease of reference.

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:

November 21, 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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