



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

APPELLANT: Mark Neerhof  
DOCKET NO.: 21-05001.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 15-12-210-008

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Mark Neerhof, 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:** \$86,963  
**IMPR.:** \$288,323  
**TOTAL:** \$375,286

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 Dryvit exterior construction with 4,358 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2000. Features of the home include a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, six fireplaces and a 630 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 26,570 square foot site and is located in Lake Forest, Vernon 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 located within 0.15 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 22,216 to 50,965 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings of frame exterior construction that range in size from 3,648 to 5,200 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1998 to 2002. Each comparable has a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, one to

four fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 702 to 805 square feet of building area. The properties sold from June 2019 to January 2021 for prices ranging from \$1,025,000 to \$1,150,000 or from \$209.62 to \$280.98 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's total assessment be reduced to \$360,225 which reflects a market value of \$1,080,783 or \$248.00 per square foot of living area, land included, when applying the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$375,286. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$1,128,680 or \$258.99 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 located within 0.25 of a mile from the subject property. Board of review comparable #5 is the same property as the appellant's comparable #1. The comparables have sites that range in size from 33,540 to 50,970 square feet of land area and are improved with two-story dwellings that have a combination of brick, Dryvit and stone exterior construction and range in size from 4,060 to 5,200 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1998 to 2003. Each comparable has a basement with three having finished area. Each dwelling has central air conditioning, one to four fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 713 to 978 square feet of building area. The properties sold from August 2020 to December 2021 for prices ranging from \$1,090,000 to \$1,225,000 or from \$209.62 to \$289.87 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the subject's assessment be confirmed.

### **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 comparable sales for the Board's consideration as one property was common to both parties. The Board gives less weight to each of the appellant comparables along with board of review comparables #2, #4 and #5, which includes the common property. These comparables sold in 2019, less proximate to the January 1, 2021 assessment than other comparables in the record, lack a finished basement and/or differ from the subject in dwelling size and site size.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be board of review comparables #1 and #3 which sold proximate to the assessment date at issue and are more similar to the subject in location, age, design, dwelling size, site size and other features. These two best comparables sold July and December 2021 for prices of \$1,125,000 and \$1,225,000 or for \$268.30 and \$289.87 per square foot of living area, including land, respectively. The subject's assessment

reflects a market value of \$1,128,680 or \$258.99 per square foot of living area, including land, which is bracketed by the two best comparable sales in this record on an overall market value basis and below the two best comparables on a per square foot basis. After considering appropriate adjustments to the comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds 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:

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.

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