



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

APPELLANT: B. Quinn & R. Spoula  
DOCKET NO.: 21-07313.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 08-13-221-017

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are B. Quinn & R. Spoula, the appellants, by Jessica Hill-Magiera, Attorney at Law in Lake Zurich; and the DuPage 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 **DuPage** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:** \$26,310  
**IMPR.:** \$137,420  
**TOTAL:** \$163,730

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellants 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 frame and brick exterior construction with 2,196 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1997. Features of the home include a walkout basement with finished area, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a 441 square foot garage. The property is located in Downers Grove, Lisle Township, DuPage County.

The appellants contend overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellants submitted information on four comparable sales located within .11 of a mile from the subject. The comparables are described as 2-story dwellings ranging in size from 1,872 to 2,421 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built in 1995 or 1998. The comparables each have a basement, two of which having finished area. Each comparable has a garage ranging in

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

size from 426 to 447 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from September 2020 to August 2021 for prices ranging from \$315,000 to \$540,000 or from \$167.73 to \$223.05 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellants requested a reduction in the subject's total assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$163,730. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$489,770 or \$223.03 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2021 three-year average median level of assessment for DuPage County of 33.43% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information prepared by the township assessor on three comparable sales located within .08 of a mile from the subject. Board of review comparable #1 is a duplicate sale of appellants' comparable #4. The comparables are improved with 2-story<sup>2</sup> dwellings of frame and brick exterior construction ranging in size from 2,097 to 2,421 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built in 1995 or 1998 and have basements, two with finished area. Each comparable has central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a 441 or a 477 square foot garage. The comparables sold from September 2020 to October 2021 for prices ranging from \$447,000 to \$550,000 or from \$213.16 to \$256.77 per square foot of living area, land included. The board of review also provided a location map of both parties' comparables in relation to the subject property. The board of review also reported the only comparable in the record with a walkout basement similar to the subject is the parties' common comparable. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

In written rebuttal, counsel for the appellants contended that board of review comparable #3 has no finished basement area.

### **Conclusion of Law**

The appellants contend 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 appellants did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The Board finds the parties submitted six comparables sales to support their respective positions which includes a common comparable. The Board gives less weight to appellants' comparable #2 and #3 as well as board of review comparable #3 which lack finished basement area when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellants' comparable #1, the parties' common comparable and board of review comparable #2 which are similar to the subject in

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<sup>2</sup> The Board finds the board of review comparables appear to be 2-story dwellings based upon the photographic evidence submitted.

location, age, dwelling size and features. These comparables sold from September 2020 to September 2021 for prices ranging from \$445,000 to \$550,000 or from \$203.20 to \$256.77 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$489,740 or \$223.01 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range established by the best comparables sales in this record. Based on this record and after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, 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



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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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