



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

APPELLANT: Paul Pessis  
DOCKET NO.: 22-00171.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 16-34-302-002

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Paul Pessis, the appellant, by attorney Gregory Riggs of Tax Appeals Lake County in Lake Zurich; 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:** \$91,400  
**IMPR.:** \$196,202  
**TOTAL:** \$287,602

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 2022 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 brick and wood siding exterior construction with 3,689 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1970 and has a reported effective age of 1977. Features of the home include a full basement with 1,225 square feet of finished area, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 506 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 26,620 square foot site and is located in Deerfield, Moraine Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on five equity comparables that have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of brick, brick and wood siding, or brick and stucco exterior construction ranging in size from 3,612 to 3,804 square feet of living area. The

dwellings were built from 1964 to 1968 and have reported effective ages ranging from 1973 to 1987. The comparables each have a full basement with 492 to 1,017 square feet of finished area, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 440 to 616 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$137,417 to \$188,742 or from \$36.90 to \$51.77 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$173,761 or \$47.10 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$287,602. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$196,202 or \$53.19 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables that have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of brick or brick and wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 3,584 to 3,939 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1965 to 1968 and have reported effective ages ranging from 1972 to 1982. The comparables each have a full basement with 764 to 1,388 square feet of finished area, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 462 to 506 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$193,373 to \$214,036 or from \$53.44 to \$54.34 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's 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 did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The record contains a total of nine suggested equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board finds all the comparables are similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, design, age and some features. However, the Board has given less weight to the appellant's comparable #2, which appears to be an outlier due to its considerably lower improvement assessment of \$137,417 or \$36.90 per square foot of living area, when compared to the remaining comparables in the record that have improvement assessments ranging from \$177,300 to \$214,036 or from \$48.62 to \$54.34 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$196,202 or \$53.19 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in the record. Based on this evidence and after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and 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: 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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