



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

APPELLANT: Owen Youngman  
DOCKET NO.: 22-00692.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 16-32-316-020

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Owen Youngman, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld, of Robert H. Rosenfeld & Associates, LLC in Northbrook; 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:** \$60,039  
**IMPR.:** \$131,376  
**TOTAL:** \$191,415

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 2-story dwelling of brick and wood siding exterior construction with 2,944 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1987 and is approximately 35 years old. Features of the home include a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a garage containing 484 square feet of building area. The property has an approximately 11,000 square foot site and is located in Deerfield, West Deerfield 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 four suggested equity comparables that are in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and located within .3 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of either brick or wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,880 to 3,488 square feet of living area that range in age from 36 to 39 years old. Each comparable has a basement, three with finished area, central air conditioning, either one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 483 to 696 square feet of building area. Comparable #4 has a greenhouse. The comparables have

improvement assessments ranging from \$129,708 to \$159,198 or from \$41.39 to \$48.19 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$131,376 or \$44.63 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 \$217,020. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$156,981 or \$53.32 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on three suggested equity comparables that are in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and located within .26 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of brick, wood siding or brick and wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 3,091 to 3,446 square feet of living area that were built in either 1987 or 1998. Each comparable has a basement, one with finished area, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a garage containing either 420 or 484 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$172,692 to \$205,886 or from \$55.87 to \$62.07 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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The parties submitted seven suggested comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board has given less weight to the appellant's comparable #3 as well as the board of review comparables due to their substantial difference from the subject in dwelling size and/or age.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the appellant's comparables #1, #2 and #4. The Board finds that these comparables are most similar to the subject in location, design, age, dwelling size and some features. These most similar comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$129,708 to \$138,777 or from \$41.39 to \$48.19 per square foot of living area. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$156,981 or \$53.32 per square foot of living area, which falls above the range established by the best comparables in this record. After considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds the subject's assessment is excessive. Therefore, based on this record the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment commensurate with the appellant's request is 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



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 20, 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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