



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

APPELLANT: Andrea Crain  
DOCKET NO.: 22-00744.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 16-29-109-033

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Andrea Crain, 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 **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:** \$60,763  
**IMPR.:** \$179,637  
**TOTAL:** \$240,400

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 is improved with a two-story dwelling of wood siding exterior construction with 3,319 square feet of living area. The dwelling was built in 1985 and is approximately 37 years old. Features of the home include a concrete slab foundation,<sup>1</sup> central air conditioning, one fireplace and an attached garage with 556 square feet of building area. The property has a 16,104 square foot site and is located in Deerfield, West Deerfield Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement assessment as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four comparables that have same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The properties are improved with two-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction

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<sup>1</sup> The appellant's residential appeal petition under Section III and the schematic drawing within the subject's property record card provided by the board of review indicate the subject dwelling has a concrete slab foundation.

ranging in size from 2,946 to 3,160 square feet of living area. The homes are 33 or 36 years old. The appellant reported one comparable has a concrete slab foundation, and three comparables each have a partial or a full basement with one having finished area. Each dwelling has central air conditioning and an attached garage ranging in size from 460 to 720 square feet of building area. Three comparables each have one fireplace. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$133,540 to \$146,571 or from \$45.33 to \$47.73 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$154,997 or \$46.70 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 \$240,400. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$179,637 or \$54.12 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on five comparables that have same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The properties are improved with two-story dwellings of brick, wood siding or brick and wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,988 to 3,634 square feet of living area. The board of review reported two comparables have concrete slab foundations, and three comparables have partial or full basements with two having finished area. Each dwelling has central air conditioning, one fireplace and an attached garage ranging in size from 400 to 713 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$191,446 to \$206,147 or from \$56.73 to \$64.07 per square foot of living area.

### **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 gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #1, #3 and #4 along with board of review comparables #2, #3 and #4 due to the dwellings' dissimilar foundation types when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the parties' remaining comparables that are similar to the subject in location, size, age, foundation type and most features. These comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$146,571 to \$206,147 or from \$46.38 to \$57.23 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$179,637 or \$54.12 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record and after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences from 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:

April 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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