



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

APPELLANT: Steve Hersted  
DOCKET NO.: 22-01373.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 09-02-206-014

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Steve Hersted, the appellant, by attorney Ronald Kingsley, of Lake County Real Estate Tax Appeal, LLC in Hawthorn Woods; 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:** \$22,012  
**IMPR.:** \$101,444  
**TOTAL:** \$123,456

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 vinyl siding exterior construction with 3,674 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2007. Features of the home include a walk out basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a garage with 609 square feet of building area. The property has an approximately 9,480 square foot site and is located in Volo, Wauconda Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on three comparable sales located within .25 of a mile from the subject property and located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables have sites of either 9,561 or 10,890 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings that range in size from 3,133 to 3,640 square feet of living area that were built in either 2007 or 2009. The appellant reported that each comparable has a basement, central air conditioning and a garage ranging in size from 609 to 638 square feet of building area. Two comparables each have one fireplace. The comparables sold from March

2020 to September 2021 for prices ranging from \$324,000 to \$349,000 or from \$89.01 to \$111.39 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$123,456. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$370,405 or \$100.82 per square foot of living area, land included, when applying the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.<sup>1</sup>

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales. Comparable #3 is the same property as the appellant's comparable #3. The comparables are located within .23 of a mile from the subject property, with three comparables being located in the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables have sites ranging from 9,560 to 15,410 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of either vinyl siding or brick and vinyl siding exterior construction ranging in size from 3,133 to 3,674 square feet of living area that were built from 2006 to 2009. Each comparable has a basement, two with finished area and two of walk-out design, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a garage with either 609 or 638 square feet of building area. The comparable sold from May 2021 to May 2022 for prices ranging from \$349,000 to \$470,000 or from \$106.12 to \$129.12 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

### **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 parties submitted a total of six comparable sales for the Board's consideration, with one comparable being common to both parties. The Board has given less weight to the common comparable due to its smaller dwelling size when compared to the subject. The Board gave reduced weight to appellant's comparable #1 and #2 which sold less proximate in time to the assessment date than the other comparables in this record.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the board of review's comparables #1, #2 and #4. The Board finds that these comparables sold more proximate in time to the assessment date and are similar to the subject in location, design, age, dwelling size, and some features. However, comparables #2 and #4 have basements with finished area, a feature the subject lacks, suggesting downward adjustment would be needed to make them more equivalent

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<sup>1</sup> Procedural rule Sec. 1910.50(c)(1) provides that in all counties other than Cook, the three-year county wide assessment level as certified by the Department of Revenue will be considered. 86 Ill.Admin.Code Sec. 1910.50(c)(1). As of the development of this Final Administrative decision, the Department of Revenue has not published figures for tax year 2022.

to the subject. Nevertheless, these comparables sold from May 2021 to May 2022 for prices ranging from \$389,900 to \$470,000 or from \$106.12 to \$129.12 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$370,405 or \$100.82 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls below the range of the best comparable sales in the 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 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: February 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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