



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

APPELLANT: Jerald Novak  
DOCKET NO.: 22-01717.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 15-07-402-004

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jerald Novak, 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:** \$36,118  
**IMPR.:** \$165,010  
**TOTAL:** \$201,128

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 frame exterior construction with 3,575 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1989. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace, a 782 square foot garage, a hot tub, a bath house and an inground swimming pool.<sup>1</sup> The property has a 75,794 square foot site and is located in Long Grove, Vernon 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 .57 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are reported to have sites that range in size from 46,174 to 179,903 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of either brick or frame exterior construction that range in size from 3,527 to 3,608 square feet of living

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<sup>1</sup> Additional descriptive details regarding the subject property were gleaned from the property information card and the board of review grid analysis, which were not refuted by the appellant in any rebuttal filing.

area that were built in from 1987 to 1993. The appellant reported that each comparable has a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, one to three fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 690 to 888 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from January 2021 to March 2022 for prices ranging from \$570,000 to \$620,000 or from \$157.98 to \$175.79 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 \$201,128. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$603,444 or \$168.80 per square foot of living area, land included, when applying the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.<sup>2</sup>

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on three comparable sales. The comparables are located within .12 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 72,745 to 105,415 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of brick exterior construction ranging in size from 4,320 to 5,726 square feet of living area that were built from 2003 to 2009. Each comparable has a basement, two with finished area, central air conditioning, one to three fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 847 to 1,438 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from April to November 2021 for prices ranging from \$859,000 to \$975,000 or from \$164.21 to \$204.63 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. The Board has given less weight to the board of review comparables, due to their larger dwelling sizes and newer ages when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparables, which are relatively similar to the subject in location, age, dwelling size, and some features. However, these three comparables each have basement finish and one comparable has a larger lot size when compared to the subject, suggesting downward adjustments would be required to make the comparables more equivalent to the subject. Additionally, each comparable lacks a hot tub, bath house and an inground swimming pool, all features of the subject, suggesting upward

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<sup>2</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.

adjustments would be necessary for these features. Nevertheless, these most similar comparables sold from January 2021 to March 2022 for prices ranging from \$570,000 to \$620,000 or from \$157.98 to \$175.79 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$603,444 or \$168.80 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls within the range of the three best comparables in the record and appears to be well supported given its superior features. 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



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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: March 26, 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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