



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

APPELLANT: Ravinia Festival Association  
DOCKET NO.: 23-02894.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 16-36-408-008

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Ravinia Festival Association, the appellant, by attorney Margaret E. Graham, of Dykema Gossett PLLC in Chicago; 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:** \$129,727  
**IMPR.:** \$194,096  
**TOTAL:** \$323,823

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 2023 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 exterior construction with 3,514 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1963 and is approximately 60 years old. Features of the home include a full basement with finished area, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a 2-car garage. The property has a 20,370 square foot site and is located in Highland Park, Moraine 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 in the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 10,360 to 10,960 square feet of land area and are improved with 2-story dwellings of brick exterior construction ranging in size from 2,182 to 2,956 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1964 to 1977. Each home has a basement, one with finished area, central air conditioning, one or two

fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 265 to 460 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from December 2021 to May 2022 for prices ranging from \$515,000 to \$750,000 or from \$177.40 to \$253.72 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 \$323,823. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$974,490 or \$277.32 per square foot of living area, land included, when applying the 2023 three year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.23% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In response to the appeal the board of review submitted the Multiple Listing Sheet for appellant's comparable sale #1 noting it was in need of renovation at the time of sale.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four comparable properties located within .46 of a mile from the subject. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 11,572 to 96,057 square feet of land area and are improved with 2-story or 2.5-story dwellings of brick or stucco exterior construction ranging in size from 3,242 to 3,913 square feet of living area. The homes were constructed from 1925 to 1958 or approximately 65 to 98 years old and have basements, three with finished area. Each comparable also has central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 418 to 630 square feet of building area. The comparables sold from September 2022 to March 2023 for prices ranging from \$1,250,000 to \$1,450,018 or from \$370.56 to \$389.68 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the subject's assessment be confirmed.

### **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 record contains seven comparables sales for the Board's consideration that have varying degrees of similarity to the subject in location, age, dwelling size and features. Nevertheless, the Board gives less weight to appellant's comparable sale #1 which was in need of renovation at the time of sale, calling into question the condition of the property. The Board also gives less weight to appellant's comparable #3 due to its significantly smaller dwelling size when compared to the subject dwelling. The Board gives less weight to board of review comparables #2, #3 and #4 due to significant differences from the subject in site size or age.

The Board finds the best evidence of the subject's market value to be appellant's comparable #2 and board of review comparable #1 which have varying degrees of similarity to the subject in location, age, dwelling size and features. The comparables sold in May 2022 and March 2023 for prices of \$750,000 and \$1,250,000 or \$253.72 and \$385.56 per square foot of living area,

including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$974,490 or \$277.32 per square foot of living area, including land, which is bracketed by the best comparable sales in this record. After considering adjustments to the best comparable sales for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is supported 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: \_\_\_\_\_

October 21, 2025



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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