



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

APPELLANT: David & Laurel Bowen
DOCKET NO.: 23-05882.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 09-17-319-008

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are David & Laurel Bowen, the appellants, by Jessica Hill-Magiera, Attorney at Law in Lake Zurich; and the DuPage 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 **DuPage** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$64,030
IMPR.: \$63,930
TOTAL: \$127,960

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellants timely filed the appeal from a decision of the DuPage 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 1-story dwelling of brick exterior construction with 1,456 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1956. Features of the home include a basement, two fireplaces, and a 440 square foot garage. The property has a 13,500 square foot site and is located in Downers Grove, Downers Grove Township, DuPage County.

The appellants contend overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellants submitted information on four comparable sales located within 0.42 of a mile from the subject. The parcels range in size from 11,840 to 22,513 square feet of land area and are improved with 1-story homes of brick or vinyl/wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 1,482 to 1,671 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1955 to 1959.

Each home has a basement, three of which have finished area,¹ central air conditioning, and a garage ranging in size from 440 to 880 square feet of building area. Three homes each have one or two fireplaces. The comparables sold from February to December 2022 for prices ranging from \$397,250 to \$451,000 or from \$237.73 to \$280.03 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence the appellants 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 \$151,740. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$456,498 or \$313.53 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2023 three year average median level of assessment for DuPage County of 33.24% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on six comparable sales located within 0.60 of a mile from the subject, together with a map depicting the locations of both parties' comparables in relation to the subject. The parcels range in size from 8,900 to 12,398 square feet of land area and are improved with 1-story homes of brick exterior construction ranging in size from 1,040 to 1,497 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1956 to 1959. Each home has a basement, five of which have finished area, central air conditioning, and a garage ranging in size from 440 to 705 square feet of building area. Two homes each have two fireplaces. The comparables sold from August 2020 to October 2023 for prices ranging from \$340,000 to \$510,000 or from \$315.32 to \$365.66 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

In written rebuttal, the appellants argued the board of review's comparables #1 through #4 sold more remote in time from the assessment date.

Conclusion of Law

The appellants contend 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.Adm.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.Adm.Code §1910.65(c). The Board finds the appellants met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The record contains a total of ten comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the board of review's comparables #1 through #5, due to substantial differences from the subject in dwelling size and/or which sold less proximate in time to the assessment date than the other sales in this record.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellants' comparables and the board of review's comparable #6, which sold proximate in time to the assessment date and are similar to the subject in dwelling size, age, location, and some features, but have varying degrees

¹ The board of review submitted property record cards for these comparables indicating three have finished basement area, which was not refuted by the appellants in their written rebuttal.

of similarity to the subject in site size, suggesting adjustments to these comparables would be needed to make them more equivalent to the subject. These comparables have central air conditioning unlike the subject and four of these comparables have finished basement area unlike the subject, suggesting downward adjustments to these comparables would be needed. These comparables sold for prices ranging from \$397,250 to \$460,000 or from \$237.73 to \$365.66 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$456,498 or \$313.53 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls above four of the five best comparables in this record. Based on this evidence and after considering appropriate adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is 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

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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 18, 2025

Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

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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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