



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

APPELLANT: Miriam R. Liebman Liv Trust Dtd
DOCKET NO.: 24-00877.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-26-301-032

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Miriam R. Liebman Liv Trust Dtd, the appellant, by attorney Brian P. Liston, of the Law Offices of Liston & Tsantilis, P.C. 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: \$99,458
IMPR.: \$185,775
TOTAL: \$285,233

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 2024 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 one-story dwelling of stucco exterior construction with 3,030 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1964, is 60 years old, and has an effective age of 1980. Features of the home include a full basement with finished area, central air conditioning, two fireplaces, and a 441 square foot garage. The property has a 13,390 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 evidence of the subject property's recent purchase and information on three comparable sales. The appellant disclosed the subject property was purchased on June 30, 2021 for a price of \$825,000. The appellant reported that the sellers were Stuart and Leslie Dubin, the parties to the transaction were not related, and the property sold through a realtor. The appellant also indicated the property was advertised for sale through the Multiple Listing Service (MLS)

for a period of 40 days. The appellant also submitted copies of the deed and settlement statement associated with the sale.

The comparables are located in the subject's assessment neighborhood and within .32 of a mile of the subject. The comparables consist of one-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 3,010 to 3,152 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1954 to 1978 with two comparables having effective ages of 1966 and 1977. Each dwelling has central air conditioning and a fireplace. Two comparables each have a full basement and a garage containing either 552 or 600 square feet of building area. One comparable has a crawl-space foundation. The parcels range in size from 15,190 to 29,060 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from December 2022 to August 2024 for prices ranging from \$650,000 to \$837,000 or from \$206.22 to \$274.16 per square foot of living area, including land.

Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced assessment of \$245,613, for an estimated market value of \$736,913 or \$243.21 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$285,233. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$855,785 or \$282.44 per square foot of living area, land included, when applying the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.¹

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on three comparable sales located in the subject's assessment neighborhood and within .65 of a mile of the subject. The comparables consist of one-story dwellings of brick exterior construction ranging in size from 2,371 to 2,760 square feet of living area. The dwellings range from 60 to 68 years old. Each dwelling has central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces, a basement with finished area, and a garage ranging in size from 448 to 840 square feet of building area. The parcels range in size from 12,790 to 20,411 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from August 2023 to August 2024 for prices ranging from \$785,000 to \$1,325,000 or from \$287.97 to \$480.07 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.

¹ 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 §1910.50(c)(1). Prior to the drafting of this decision, the Department of Revenue has yet to publish figures for tax year 2024.

The parties submitted a total of six comparable sales and evidence of the subject's purchase to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board gives less weight to the sale of the subject, which occurred in June 2021, more remote in time from the January 1, 2024 assessment date at issue in this appeal. The Board also gives less weight to the appellant's comparable #1, which differs from the subject in foundation and lacks a garage, a feature of the subject. The Board also gives reduced weight to the board of review comparable #2, which differs from the subject in dwelling size.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the parties' remaining comparables, which sold proximate to the assessment date at issue and are similar to the subject in age or effective age, location, dwelling size, and most features. These most similar comparables sold for prices ranging from \$650,000 to \$1,325,000 or from \$206.22 to \$480.07 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$855,785 or \$282.44 per square foot of living area, including land, which is within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. Based on this evidence 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 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: _____

December 23, 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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