



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

APPELLANT: Skip Navar
DOCKET NO.: 24-02116.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-28-204-006

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Skip Navar, 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: \$46,985
IMPR.: \$197,441
TOTAL: \$244,426

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 two-story dwelling of brick and frame exterior construction with 3,801 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1988 and is approximately 36 years old. Features of the home include a basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a garage with 893 square feet of building area. The property also has a 640 square foot inground swimming pool and a 1,716 square foot pool enclosure.¹ The property has a 43,610 square foot site and is located in Kildeer, Ela Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement assessment as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on nine equity comparables that have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and are

¹ The subject's property record card revealed the subject has an inground swimming pool and pool enclosure, which were not disclosed or refuted by the appellant.

located within .30 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of frame, brick or brick and frame exterior construction ranging in size from 3,639 to 3,898 square feet of living area. The dwellings are from 35 to 45 years old. Each comparable has a basement, central air conditioning, from one to three fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 616 to 1,005 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$165,722 to \$193,806 or from \$44.44 to \$49.90 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$183,797 or \$48.35 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$244,426. The subject has an improvement assessment of \$197,441 or \$51.94 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables that have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and are located within .32 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of brick exterior construction ranging in size from 3,557 to 4,114 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built in 1990 or 2000. Each comparable has a basement, central air conditioning, either one or three fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 748 to 1,140 square feet of building area. Comparables #1 and #2 each have an inground swimming pool. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$181,070 to \$206,230 or from \$50.13 to \$51.91 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the subject's assessment be confirmed.

Conclusion of Law

The taxpayer contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. When unequal treatment in the assessment process is the basis of the appeal, the inequity of the assessments must be proved by clear and convincing evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of unequal treatment in the assessment process should consist of documentation of the assessments for the assessment year in question of not less than three comparable properties showing the similarity, proximity and lack of distinguishing characteristics of the assessment comparables to the subject property. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(b). 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 13 equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board has given less weight to the appellant's comparable #7 due to its older dwelling age when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the appellant's comparables #1 through #6, #8 and #9, along with the four comparables submitted by the board of review, which are similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, design and age. However, the Board finds 10 of the 12 best comparables lack an inground swimming pool and all 12 comparables do not have a 1,716 enclosed pool enclosure, both superior features of the subject, suggesting upward adjustments would be required to make the comparables more equivalent to the subject. Nevertheless, the comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$165,722 to \$206,230 or from \$44.44 to \$51.91 per square foot of living area. The subject property's

improvement assessment of \$197,441 or \$51.94 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in the record in terms of total improvement assessment but somewhat above the range on a per square foot of living area basis, which appears to be logical given the subject's superior features of an inground swimming pool and pool enclosure. Based on this record and after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed.

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

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 17, 2026



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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