



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

APPELLANT: Karin Trenkenschu
DOCKET NO.: 24-02147.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-18-203-001

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Karin Trenkenschu, 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: \$31,435
IMPR.: \$196,792
TOTAL: \$228,227

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 part one-story and part two-story dwelling¹ of frame exterior construction containing 4,049 square feet of living area. The dwelling was built in 1988 and is approximately 36 years old. Features of the home include a basement, central air conditioning, three fireplaces and a garage with 1,683 square feet of building area. The property has a 59,677 square foot site and is located in Long Grove, Vernon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement 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 located

¹ The Board finds the best evidence of the subject dwelling's story height is found in the schematic diagram depicted in the subject's property information printout submitted by the board of review, which was not refuted by the appellant.

within .95 of a mile from the subject property, two of which are also along the same street as the subject. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of brick, frame or brick and frame exterior construction that range in size from 3,620 to 4,638 square feet of living area. The dwellings range in age from 37 to 40 years old. Each comparable has a basement, central air conditioning, one to four fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 789 to 932 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$142,950 to \$221,350 or from \$30.82 to \$58.70 per square foot of living area. The appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$182,003 or \$44.95 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 \$228,227. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$196,792 or \$48.60 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on five equity comparables that have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and are located within .77 of a mile from the subject property, one of which is also located along the same street as the subject. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of brick or brick and frame exterior construction ranging in size from 3,962 to 4,062 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1986 to 1989. Each comparable has a basement, central air conditioning, two or three fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 506 to 888 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$198,211 to \$210,391 or from \$48.94 to \$53.10 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

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 information on fourteen comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board has given less weight to the appellant's comparables #1, #4 and #8, due to their larger dwelling sizes, when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the appellant's comparables #2, #3, #5, #6, #7 and #9, along with the five comparables submitted by the board of review, which are similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, age and some features. These comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$159,160 to \$221,350 or from \$39.80 to \$58.70 per square foot of living area. Removing the high and low improvement assessments, the appellant's comparables #2 and #3, results in a tighter improvement assessment range from \$166,660 to \$210,391 or from \$46.04 to \$53.10 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement

assessment of \$196,792 or \$48.60 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. 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.

The constitutional provision for uniformity of taxation and valuation does not require mathematical equality. A practical uniformity, rather than an absolute one, is the test. Apex Motor Fuel Co. v. Barrett, 20 Ill.2d 395 (1960). Although the comparables presented by the parties disclosed that properties located in the same area are not assessed at identical levels, all that the constitution requires is a practical uniformity, which appears to exist on the basis of the evidence presented.

Based on this record, 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:

March 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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