



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

APPELLANT: Stuart Wein
DOCKET NO.: 24-02232.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-30-302-017

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Stuart Wein, 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: \$93,558
IMPR.: \$161,129
TOTAL: \$254,687

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 2-story dwelling of brick and frame exterior construction with 3,235 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1988 and is approximately 36 years old. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, 2½ bathrooms, central air conditioning, one fireplace and an 858 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 48,352 square foot site and is located in Riverwoods, West Deerfield 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 located in the same assessment neighborhood code and within 0.85 of a mile from the subject. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of frame exterior construction ranging in size from 3,127 to 3,645 square feet of living area and are from 46 to 50 years old. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, 2½ to 4 bathrooms, central air

conditioning, one fireplace and a garage ranging in size from 506 to 1,118 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$123,669 to \$181,336 or from \$37.17 to \$52.06 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$147,807 or \$45.69 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 \$254,687. The subject has an improvement assessment of \$161,129 or \$49.81 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on three equity comparables located in the same assessment neighborhood code and within 0.41 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables are improved with 1.75-story or 2-story dwellings of brick exterior construction ranging in size from 2,854 to 4,173 square feet of living area and are from 41 to 48 years old. Each comparable has a basement, with one having finished area. Each dwelling has 2½ or 3½ bathrooms, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a garage ranging in size from 460 to 999 square feet of building area. Comparable #3 has an inground swimming pool amenity. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$144,382 to \$218,879 or from \$50.59 to \$52.45 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 appellant 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 12 equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to appellant comparables #1, #2, #5, #7, #8 and #9 along with board of review comparables #3 and #4 which differ from the subject in finished basement area, bathroom count and/or inground swimming pool amenity.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be appellant comparables #3, #4 and #6 along with board of review comparable #1 which are more similar to the subject in location, design, dwelling size and other features. However, these properties are somewhat older in age, relative to the subject, suggesting an upward adjustment is needed to make these properties more equivalent to the subject. These best comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$123,669 to \$160,372 or from \$37.17 to \$50.59 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$161,129 or \$49.81 per square foot of living area falls slightly above the range established by the best comparables in this record on an overall improvement basis and within the range on a per square foot basis. Given the subject's newer age, relative to the best comparables, a higher overall improvement assessment appears logical. Therefore, after

considering appropriate 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 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:

April 21, 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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