



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

APPELLANT: Susan Kaplan
DOCKET NO.: 24-02240.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-33-408-018

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Susan Kaplan, 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: \$76,315
IMPR.: \$154,816
TOTAL: \$231,131

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 1-story dwelling of brick exterior construction with 2,795 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1962, is approximately 62 years old, and has a reported effective age of 1978 due to remodeling in 2005.¹ Features of the home include a basement, central air conditioning, and a 420 square foot garage. The property is located in Deerfield, West Deerfield Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity regarding the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on three equity comparables located within 0.19 of a mile from the subject. The comparables are improved with 2-story homes ranging in size from 2,762 to 2,898 square feet of living area. The dwellings are

¹ Additional details regarding the subject not reported by the appellant are found in the subject's property record card submitted by the board of review.

63 or 64 years old and feature a basement, central air conditioning, and a 462 or a 484 square foot garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$131,668 to \$155,759 or from \$47.67 to \$53.75 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment to \$140,924.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$231,131. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$154,816 or \$55.39 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 within 0.12 of a mile from the subject. Comparable #1 is the same property as the appellant's comparable #2. The comparables are improved with 2-story homes ranging in size from 2,504 to 3,156 square feet of living area. The dwellings are 60 or 62 years old. Each home has a basement, two of which have finished area, central air conditioning, and a 420 or a 484 square foot garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$149,704 to \$205,633 or from \$53.75 to \$65.16 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 record contains a total of five equity comparables, with one common comparable, for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the board of review's comparables #2 and #3 which are less similar to the subject in dwelling size and basement finish than the other comparables in this record.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the appellant's comparables and the board of review's comparable #1, including the common comparable, which are more similar to the subject in dwelling size, age, location, and features, although these comparables have older effective ages than the subject, suggesting upward adjustments to these comparables would be needed to make them more equivalent to the subject. These comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$131,688 to \$155,759 or from \$47.67 to \$53.75 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$154,816 or \$55.39 per square foot of living area falls above the range established by the best comparables in this record. However, after considering appropriate adjustments to the comparables for differences from the subject, such as effective age, the Board finds the subject's assessment is supported. Based on this record, 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: _____

January 20, 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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