



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

APPELLANT: Corey Light
DOCKET NO.: 24-02241.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-34-105-027

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Corey Light, 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: \$78,107
IMPR.: \$209,248
TOTAL: \$287,355

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 exterior construction with 3,612 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1967 and is 57 years ago. Features of the home include a full basement containing 1,271 square feet, of which 1,017 square feet is finished, central air conditioning, one fireplace, 3.5 bathrooms and a garage containing 462 square feet of building area. The property has a 13,330-square-foot site and is located in Deerfield, Moraine 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 within the subject's assessment neighborhood and within 0.42 miles of the subject. The comparables are improved with two-story dwellings of wood frame exterior construction ranging in age from 57 to 61 years. The dwellings contain between 3,116 and 4,058

square feet of living area and have unfinished basements ranging from 927 to 1,430 square feet. Eight comparables have central air conditioning. The comparables feature 2.5 or 3.5 bathrooms, and each property contains one fireplace. Garage areas for the comparables range from 441 to 624 square feet. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$163,277 to \$213,198, or from \$50.19 to \$54.06 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to a level more consistent with the range demonstrated by the comparables.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$287,355. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$209,248 or \$57.93 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted evidence on four comparables. All four comparables are located within 0.27 miles of the subject, and within the subject's assessment neighborhood code. They consist of two-story dwellings of brick exterior construction containing between 3,634 and 3,689 square feet of living area. The homes range in age from 54 to 59 years. Each dwelling has central air conditioning, a full basement ranging from 1,184 to 1,736 square feet with finished basement areas between 948 and 1,388 square feet, a garage with 462 to 616 square feet of building area, and 2.5 to 4.5 bathrooms. All comparables have one or two fireplaces. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$214,864 to \$234,629, or from \$58.24 to \$64.35 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 a total of thirteen equity comparables to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board has given reduced weight to all appellant's comparables due to lack of finished basement area, a feature of the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the board of review comparables which are similar to the subject in age, location, dwelling size and features. These comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$214,864 to \$234,629, or from \$58.24 to \$64.35 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$209,248 or \$57.93 per square foot of living area falls below the range established by the best comparables in this record. 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:

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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