



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

APPELLANT: Michael Wunderlich
DOCKET NO.: 24-03321.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 14-2-15-28-18-301-017

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Michael Wunderlich, the appellant; and the Madison County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented in this matter, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds **A Reduction** in the assessment of the property as established by the **Madison** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$22,030
IMPR.: \$115,090
TOTAL: \$137,120

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Madison 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 3,688 square feet of living area.¹ The dwelling was constructed in 2005 and is 19 years old. Features of the home include a full basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces, and a 750 square foot garage. The property has a 13,068 square foot site and is located in Glen Carbon, Edwardsville Township, Madison County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four comparable sales located from .4 of a mile to 6.6 miles from the subject. The comparables consist of two-story dwellings of brick and frame exterior construction ranging in size from 3,200 to 5,042 square feet of living area. The homes range in age from 9 to 28 years old. Each dwelling has central air conditioning, a basement with finished

¹ The Board finds the best description of the subject is found in the subject's property record card submitted by the board of review, and which was supported by the property sketch submitted by the appellant.

area, a fireplace, and a garage ranging in size from 638 to 808 square feet of building area. The parcels range in size from 9,147 to 12,197 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from May 2022 to March 2025 for prices ranging from \$407,500 to \$565,000 or from \$112.06 to \$128.76 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced assessment of \$136,000, for an estimated market value of \$408,041 or \$133.96 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$147,760. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$443,324 or \$120.21 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the statutory level of assessment of 33.33%.² The board of review also disclosed that an equalization factor of 1.0776 was applied in Edwardsville Township for tax year 2024.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted a memorandum in which it argued that, after adjustments, the subject's market value per square foot fell below the median market value per square foot of the appellant's comparables. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

Conclusion of Law

The appellant contends the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessed valuation. When market value is the basis of the appeal the value of the property must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. 86 Ill. Admin. Code §1910.63(e). Proof of market value may consist of an appraisal of the subject property, a recent sale, comparable sales or construction costs. 86 Ill. Admin. Code §1910.65(c). The Board finds the appellant met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The record contains four comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparable #2, which differs from the subject in age, as well as comparable #3, which differs significantly from the subject in dwelling size.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's two remaining comparables, which are similar to the subject in age and dwelling size, and have varying degrees of similarity to the subject in location and features. These best comparables sold for prices of \$407,500 and \$415,000 or for \$119.25 and \$127.34 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$443,324 or \$120.21 per square foot of living area, including land, which is above the two best comparable sales in this record overall and bracketed by the best comparables on a per-square-foot basis. Based on this evidence and after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is justified.

² Procedural rule Sec. 1910.50(c)(1) provides that in all counties other than Cook, the three-year county wide assessment level as certified by the Department of Revenue will be considered. 86 Ill. Admin. Code §1910.50(c)(1). Prior to the drafting of this decision, the Department of Revenue has yet to publish figures for tax year 2024.

The record further disclosed that the appellant filed this appeal directly to the Property Tax Appeal Board after the application of a township equalization factor by the board of review. The assessment notice disclosed the assessment on the property was increased by the application of a township equalization factor of 1.0776.

Due to the fact the appeal was filed after notification of an equalization factor, the amount of relief that the Property Tax Appeal Board may grant is limited. Section 1910.60(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board states in part:

If the taxpayer or owner of property files a petition within 30 days after the postmark date of the written notice of the application of final, adopted township equalization factors, the relief the Property Tax Appeal Board may grant is limited to the amount of the increase caused by the application of the township equalization factor. 86 Ill. Admin. Code §1910.60(a).

Additionally, section 16-180 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-180) provides in pertinent part:

Where no complaint has been made to the board of review of the county where the property is located and the appeal is based solely on the effect of an equalization factor assigned to all property or to a class of property by the board of review, the Property Tax Appeal Board may not grant a reduction in the assessment greater than the amount that was added as the result of the equalization factor.

These provisions mean that where a taxpayer files an appeal directly to the Property Tax Appeal Board after notice of the application of an equalization factor, the Board cannot grant an assessment reduction greater than the amount of increase caused by the equalization factor. Villa Retirement Apartments, Inc. v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 302 Ill.App.3d 745, 753 (4th Dist. 1999). Based on a review of the evidence contained in the record, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds a reduction in the assessment of the subject property is supported; however, the reduction is limited to the increase in the assessment caused by the application of the township equalization factor.

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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