FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION
ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Brittanya Bryant
DOCKET NO.: 25-00611.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 10-28-204-003

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Brittanya Bryant, the appellant, by attorney Arden Edelcup, of Tax Appeals Lake County in Lake Zurich; 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:	$41,902
IMPR.:	$254,062
TOTAL:	$295,964

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 2025 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 exterior construction with 4,280 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2008 and is approximately 17 years old. Features of the home include a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, 2 fireplaces, 5 full baths, and a 716 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 54,014 square foot site and is located in Hawthorn Woods, Fremont 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 four equity comparables located within 0.35 of a mile from the subject. The comparables are improved with 2-story homes of brick exterior construction ranging in size from 4,379 to 4,745 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 2003 to 2005. Each home has a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, 3 to 5 full baths, 1 or 2 fireplaces and a garage

ranging in size from 643 to 1,200 square feet of building area. Three comparables have 1 or 2 additional half baths. Comparable #4 has an inground swimming pool and a gazebo. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from $236,755 to $275,162 or from $54.07 to $57.99 per square foot of living area.

Based on this evidence the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of $295,964. The subject property has an improvement assessment of $254,062 or $59.36 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 0.30 of a mile from the subject where comparable #1 was submitted by the appellant as comparable #4. The comparables are improved with 1-story or 2-story homes of brick exterior construction ranging in size from 4,376 to 4,745 square feet of living area. The dwellings are 20 to 25 years old and have basements, two with finished area. Each home has central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces, 4.5 to 5.5 baths, and a garage ranging in size from 927 to 1,200 square feet of building area. Comparables #1 and #3 each have an inground swimming pool. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from $250,829 to $275,162 or from $57.32 to $59.74 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 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 record contains a total of six equity comparables for the Board's consideration which includes the parties' common comparable. The Board gives less weight to the parties' common comparable and board of review comparable #3 which have inground swimming pools unlike the subject. Furthermore, board of review comparable #3 is a 1-story dwelling when compared to the subject's 2-story dwelling.

The Board finds best evidence of assessment equity to be appellant's comparables #1, #2 and #3 along with board of review comparable #2 which are more similar to the subject in location, age, dwelling size and some features. These comparables have improvement assessments that range from $236,755 to $265,542 or from $54.07 to $59.74 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of $254,062 or $59.36 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. 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:

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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: October 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 9-215 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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