



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

APPELLANT: Denis Murphy
DOCKET NO.: 25-00942.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-32-116-021

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Denis Murphy, 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: \$50,911
IMPR.: \$125,121
TOTAL: \$176,032

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 split-level dwelling of brick and frame exterior construction with 1,836 square feet of living area.¹ The dwelling was constructed in 1958 and is 67 years old.² Features of the home include a finished lower level, central air conditioning, and a 264 square foot garage. The property has a 9,000 square foot site and is located in Deerfield, West Deerfield Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with regard to the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four equity

¹ The Board finds the property record card submitted by the board of review to be the best evidence of the subject's age, design, and features.

² The property record card also indicated that the subject was remodeled in 2015, resulting in an effective age of 1977.

comparables located in the subject's assessment neighborhood and within .81 of a mile of the subject. The comparables consist of split-level dwellings of brick exterior construction ranging in size from 1,886 to 2,084 square feet of living area. The homes were built in 1956 or 1958. Each dwelling has a finished basement, central air conditioning, and a garage ranging in size from 264 to 468 square feet of building area. One comparable has a fireplace. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$92,363 to \$112,268 or from \$44.97 to \$59.53 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced improvement assessment of \$108,121 or \$58.89 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 \$176,032. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$125,121 or \$68.15 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 the subject's assessment neighborhood and within .42 of a mile of the subject. The comparables consist of one-story dwellings of brick exterior construction ranging in size from 1,643 to 2,052 square feet of living area. The homes are each 69 years old. Each dwelling has central air conditioning and a full basement, two of which have finished area. One comparable has a fireplace and two comparables each have a garage containing either 253 or 264 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$117,499 to \$150,006 or from \$70.66 to \$73.10 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 seven equity comparables to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board gives less weight to the board of review's comparables #1 and #3, which lack basement finish or a garage, features of the subject. The Board finds the parties' remaining comparables are similar to the subject in age, location, dwelling size, and features. These comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$92,363 to \$117,499 or from \$44.97 to \$71.51 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$125,121 or \$68.15 per square foot of living area is above the range established by the comparables in this record overall and within the range on a per-square-foot basis. The Board finds the subject's higher assessment logical given the subject's newer effective age in relation to the comparables. Based on this record and after considering adjustments to the 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: _____

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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