FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION
ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Jacob Sheehan
DOCKET NO.: 25-01150.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-28-110-002

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jacob Sheehan, the appellant, by Ronald Kingsley, attorney-at-law 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:	$72,625
IMPR.:	$399,749
TOTAL:	$472,374

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 is improved with a two-story dwelling of brick exterior construction that contains 3,339 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2014 and is approximately 11 years old. Features of the property include a 1,727 square foot basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace, four bathrooms, and an attached garage with 772 square feet of building area. The property has an 11,475 square foot site located in Deerfield, West Deerfield Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on five comparable sales improved with two-story dwellings of wood frame construction that range in size from 2,967 to 3,922 square feet of living area. The homes are 16 to 27 years old. Each property has a basement with 1,498 to 2,156 square feet of basement area, central air conditioning, one fireplace, and a garage ranging in size from 441 to

791 square feet of building area. The comparables have 2½, 3½ or 4½ bathrooms. These properties have sites with 9,043 to 10,650 square feet of land. The comparables have the same neighborhood code as the subject property and are located from .09 to .57 of a mile from the subject property. The sales occurred from May 2023 to January 2025 for prices ranging from $876,875 to $1,435,000 or from $295.54 to $402.46 per square foot of living area, including land. The appellant requested the subject's total assessment be reduced to $422,898.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of $472,374. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of $1,417,264 or $424.46 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the statutory level of assessment of 33 1/3%.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted a copy of the subject's property record card and information on two comparable sales improved with two-story dwellings of Dryvit or vinyl siding exteriors containing 2,964 and 3,266 square feet of living area and are 5 and 2 years old, respectively. Each comparable has a basement with 1,482 and 1,633 square feet with 1,000 and 1,225 square feet of finished area, respectively. Each comparable has central air conditioning, one fireplace, 4½ bathrooms and a garage with 484 or 717 square feet of building area. The comparables have sites with 8,100 or 10,125 square feet of land. These properties have the same neighborhood code as the subject and are located approximately .09 and .29 of a mile from the subject property, respectively. The sales occurred in May 2024 and September 2023 for prices of $1,300,000 and $1,495,000 of $438.60 and $457.75 per square foot of living area, including land, respectively.

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 did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted information on seven comparable sales to support their respective positions. The Board gives less weight to appellant's comparable sale #1 as the price of the property is an outlier significantly below the remaining comparables in the record. The Board gives less weight to appellant's comparable sale #3 due to differences from the subject in dwelling size. The remaining comparables submitted by the parties are improved with two-story dwellings that range in size from 2,964 to 3,660 square feet of living area and are from 2 to 27 years old. The comparables have varying degrees of similarity to the subject in features and would require adjustments to make them more equivalent to the subject property. Nevertheless, these comparables sold from May 2023 to May 2024 for prices ranging from $1,090,000 to $1,495,000 or from $297.81 to $457.75 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of $1,417,264 or $424.46 per square foot of living area, including land, which is within the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. Based on this evidence the Board finds the subject's assessment reflects the property's market value 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

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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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