FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION
ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Trevor Oliff
DOCKET NO.: 25-01718.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-28-107-036

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Trevor Oliff, the appellant, by Robert Rosenfeld, attorney-at-law of Robert H. Rosenfeld & Associates, LLC in Northbrook, 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:	$64,081
IMPR.:	$438,731
TOTAL:	$502,812

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 with a vinyl siding exterior containing 3,488 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2020 and is approximately 5 years old. Features of the property include a full basement with 1,414 square feet of finished area, central air conditioning, one fireplace, 4½ bathrooms and an attached garage with 676 square feet of building area. The property has a 10,125 square foot site located in Deerfield, West Deerfield Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends inequity regarding the improvement assessment as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables consisting of two-story dwellings with wood siding or vinyl siding exteriors that range in size from 3,142 to 3,902 square feet of living area. The homes are 7 to 10 years old. Each comparable has a full basement with from 976 to 1,390 square feet of finished area. Each

property has central air conditioning, one fireplace, 4½ bathrooms and a garage ranging in size from 420 to 672 square feet of building area. The comparables have the same neighborhood code as the subject and are located from .06 to .70 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from $356,131 to $458,583 or from $113.35 to $118.74 per square foot of living area. The appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to $406,849.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of $502,812. The subject property has an improvement assessment of $438,731 or $125.78 per square foot of living area. 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 three equity comparables improved with two-story dwellings with vinyl siding exteriors that range in size from 3,266 to 3,354 square feet of living area. The homes are 1 to 3 years old. Each comparable has a full basement with from 1,225 to 1,262 square feet of finished area, central air conditioning, one fireplace, 4½ bathrooms, and a garage ranging in size from 638 to 721 square feet of building area. The comparables have the same neighborhood code as the subject property and are located from .39 to .45 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from $425,798 to $431,580 or from $128.35 to $130.37 per square foot of living area.

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 parties submitted information on seven comparables sales similar to the subject in location and style of dwelling. The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the board of review comparables that are more like the subject in dwelling size than the comparables submitted by the appellant. The board of review comparables vary from the subject in age and have slightly smaller basements with less finished area than the subject indicating adjustments to the comparables for these differences may be appropriate. These comparables have similar features as the subject property. The board of review comparables have improvement assessments that range from $425,798 to $431,580 or from $128.35 to $130.37 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of $438,731 or $125.78 per square foot of living area falls above the range of the total improvement assessments but is below the range on a per square foot of living area basis as established by the best comparables in this record demonstrating the subject dwelling is being equitably assessed. Less weight is given to the appellant's comparables due to differences from the subject in dwelling size as well as the fact that three of the comparables have significantly smaller garages than the subject property.

The constitutional provision for uniformity of taxation and valuation does not require mathematical equality. A practical uniformity, rather than an absolute one, is the test. *Apex Motor Fuel Co. v. Barrett,* 20 Ill. 2d 395 (1960). Although the comparables presented by the parties disclosed that properties located in the same area are not all assessed at identical levels, all that the constitution requires is a practical uniformity which exists based on the evidence 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

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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: November 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 9-215 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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