



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

APPELLANT: Elizabeth Sofronas  
DOCKET NO.: 16-03227.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 14-22-105-006

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Elizabeth Sofronas, the appellant, by attorney Ronald Kingsley, of Lake County Real Estate Tax Appeal, LLC in Lake Forest; 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:** \$38,509  
**IMPR.:** \$148,328  
**TOTAL:** \$186,837

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 2016 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 exterior construction with 3,220 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1996. Features of the home include a full basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 600 square foot garage. The property has a 45,644 square foot site and is located in Kildeer, Ela Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on three comparable sales located from .11 to .34 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables consist of a one-story or two-story dwelling of brick or frame exterior construction ranging in size from 2,787 to 3,780 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 1989 to 1995. Each comparable has a basement, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 726 to 816 square feet of building area. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 45,738 to 71,654 square feet of

land area. The comparables sold from September 2015 to January 2016 for prices of \$480,000 to \$600,000 or from \$158.73 to \$183.71 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence the appellant requested a reduction.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$186,837. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$563,441 or \$174.98 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the 2016 three-year average median level of assessment for Lake County of 33.16% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales, one of which was utilized by the appellant, located from .057 to .196 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables were improved with two-story dwellings of brick, frame or brick and frame exterior construction that range in size from 2,787 to 4,450 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 1989 to 1999. Each comparable has a full or partial basement, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces, and each comparable has a garage ranging in size from 726 to 880 square feet of building area. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 43,088 to 57,063 square feet of land area. These properties sold from April 2014 to June 2016 for \$512,000 to \$760,000 or from \$170.79 to \$183.71 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

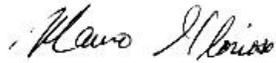
### **Conclusion of Law**

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 did not meet this burden of proof and no reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The parties submitted six comparable sales for the Board's consideration. One comparable was utilized by both parties. The Board gave less weight to appellant's comparable #2, due to its dissimilar design. The Board also gave less weight to the board of review comparable #1 as it is a dated sale from April 2014 is less indicative of the subject's market value as of the January 1, 2016 assessment date. The Board also gave less weight to the board of review comparable #4, due to its larger size, when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appellant's comparable #1 and #3, which is the board of review comparable #1 and board of review comparable #3. These comparables are most similar in location, dwelling size, design, age and features. These comparables sold for prices ranging from \$512,000 to \$680,000 or from \$158.73 to \$183.71 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$563,441 or \$174.98 per square foot of living area, including land, which is within the range established by the most similar comparable sales in this record. Based on this evidence the Board finds no reduction in the subject's assessment is 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



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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 13, 2019



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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