



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

APPELLANT: Hedda Schmidt  
DOCKET NO.: 21-01932.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 16-34-203-038

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Hedda Schmidt, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld, of Robert H. Rosenfeld & Associates, LLC in Chicago; 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:** \$53,475  
**IMPR.:** \$97,657  
**TOTAL:** \$151,132

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 2021 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 wood siding exterior construction with 2,160 square feet of living area. The dwelling was built in 1986 and is approximately 35 years old. Features of the home include a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, one fireplace, and a garage with 399 square feet of building area. The property has an approximately 15,407 square foot site and is located in Highland Park, Moraine Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property and located within 0.54 of a mile from the subject. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,067 to 2,452 square feet of living area. The dwellings range in age from 35 to 65 years old. Each comparable has a basement with one

having finished area, central air conditioning, and a garage that ranges in size from 380 to 624 square feet of building area. Two comparables each have one fireplace. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$82,334 to \$106,494 or from \$39.83 to \$43.43 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment to \$90,234 or \$41.78 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 \$151,132. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$97,657 or \$45.21 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on five comparable properties with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property and located within 0.54 of a mile from the subject. Board of review comparables #3 and #4 are the same properties as the appellant's comparables #4 and #2, respectively. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of wood siding or wood siding and brick exterior construction ranging in size from 2,250 to 2,452 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built in either 1984 or 1986 and thus are either 35 or 37 years old. Comparable #2 has an effective year built of 1997. Each comparable has a basement with two having finished area, central air conditioning, and a garage that ranges in size from 380 to 440 square feet of building area. Four comparables each have one fireplace. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$100,353 to \$110,509 or from \$41.06 to \$48.94 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, which includes two common comparables, for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the common comparables as well as the appellant's comparables #1 and #4 which are less similar in age or dwelling size than the other comparables in this record.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be board of review comparables #1, #2, and #5 which are similar to the subject in location, design, age, dwelling size, and features. The best comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$101,924 to \$110,509 or from \$45.30 to \$48.94 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$97,657 or \$45.21 per square foot of living area falls below the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record and after considering adjustments to the best

comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's improvement assessment is justified and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

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:

September 19, 2023



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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