



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

APPELLANT: Bernard Schmidt  
DOCKET NO.: 10-33849.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 04-10-110-015-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Bernard Schmidt, the appellant, by attorney Adam E. Bossov, of the Law Offices of Adam E. Bossov, P.C. in Chicago; and the Cook County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds a reduction in the assessment of the property as established by the Cook County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:** \$ 18,068  
**IMPR.:** \$ 62,392  
**TOTAL:** \$ 80,460

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Cook County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2010 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 has 21,257 square feet of land that is improved with a six year old, two-story, masonry, single-family dwelling. The subject's improvement size is 3,862 square feet of living area. Features of the home include four bedrooms and a two-car garage. It is located in Northbrook, Northfield Township, Cook County. The property is a class 2-08 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant, via counsel, argued that there was unequal treatment in the assessment process of the subject's improvement, and also that the fair market value of the subject property was not accurately reflected in its assessed value as the bases of this appeal.

In support of the equity argument, the appellant submitted descriptive and assessment information for four properties suggested as comparable to the subject. They range in improvement assessment per square foot from \$16.20 to \$16.78.

In support of the market value argument, the appellant submitted a residential appraisal report for the subject property with an effective date of January 1, 2011. The appraiser estimated a fair market value for the subject of \$900,000. The appraiser also conducted an inspection of the subject. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The Cook County Board of Review submitted its "Board of Review-Notes on Appeal," wherein the subject's total assessment of \$100,676 was disclosed. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$1,126,130 or \$291.59 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying the 2010 three year median level of assessment of 8.94% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue. The subject's improvement value of \$82,606 reflects an improvement value per square foot of living area of \$21.39.

In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review submitted descriptive and assessment information for four equity properties suggested as comparable to the subject. They range in improvement assessment per square foot from \$19.03 to \$24.72.

The board of review also submitted sales data for three of the comparables. They range in sale date from December 2008 through June 2010, and in sale price from \$1,125,000 to \$1,200,000, or from \$238.25 to \$287.36 per square foot, 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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the appraisal submitted by the appellant. The subject's assessment reflects a market value above the best evidence of market value

in the record. The Board finds the subject property had a market value of \$900,000 as of the assessment date at issue. Since market value has been established the 2010 three year median level of assessment under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance of 8.94% as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue shall apply. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.50(c)(2). The Board also finds that the subject is now equitably assessed.

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.

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Chairman



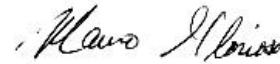
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DISSENTING: \_\_\_\_\_

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 20, 2015



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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 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 the subsequent year 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.

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.