



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

APPELLANT: Ray Drexler
DOCKET NO.: 14-21188.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 05-27-100-049-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Ray Drexler, the appellant, by attorney John S. Xydakis of the Law Offices of John S. Xydakis in Chicago; and the Cook County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented in this matter, 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: \$38,266
IMPR.: \$84,756
TOTAL: \$123,022

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 2014 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 one-story dwelling of masonry construction with 3,027 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 57. Features of the home include a partial basement finished with a recreation room, central air conditioning, one fireplace and a two-car garage. The property has a 24,688 square foot site and is located in Kenilworth, New Trier Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-04 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on three equity comparables improved with a one-story dwelling and two 1.5-story dwellings that ranged in size from 2,523 to 3,044 square feet of living area and in age from 57 to 91 years old. These properties had improvement assessments

of \$21.96 and \$25.27 per square foot of living area. The appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$66,473.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$134,954. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$96,688 or \$31.94 per square foot of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on three equity comparables improved with one, one-story dwelling and two 1.5-story dwellings that ranged in size from 1,952 to 3,122 square feet of living area and in age from 59 to 66 years old. These properties had improvement assessments ranging from \$31.78 to \$39.63 per square foot of living area.

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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be appellant's comparable #3 and board of review comparable #3 as these were similar to the subject in style, age and features. These comparables had improvement assessments of \$25.27 and \$31.78 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$31.94 per square foot of living area falls above the best comparables in this record on a square foot basis. Less weight was given the remaining comparables as they differed from the subject in style and/or age. Based on this record the Board finds a 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.



Chairman



Member



Member



Acting 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: _____

April 21, 2017



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.