



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

APPELLANT: Richard Sarnowski  
DOCKET NO.: 14-30031.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 03-09-313-005-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Richard Sarnowski, the appellant(s), by attorney John Kantor, Attorney at Law in Arlington Heights; 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:** \$7,327  
**IMPR.:** \$23,592  
**TOTAL:** \$30,919

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 consists of a two-story, single-family dwelling of stucco construction. The dwelling was constructed in 1987. Features of the home include a full finished basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace, and a two-car garage. The property has a 15,427 square foot site and is located in Arlington Heights, Wheeling Township, Cook County.

The appellant contends that the subject's size is incorrect per the board of review's evidence. The appellant requested that the subject's size be reduced to 1,966 square feet of living area. In support, the appellant submitted a copy of the floor plan and a letter signed and sealed by Voy Madeyski, a licensed architects certifying the subject's size is 1,966 square feet of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$53,283. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$45,956 or \$11.25 per square foot of living area based on the subject's size of 4,085 square feet of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables and sales data for each comparable.

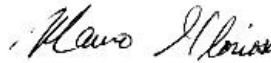
### **Conclusion of Law**

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 that the appellant submitted sufficient evidence to establish that the subject property contains 1,966 square feet of living area and thus, was incorrectly classified as a 2-08 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance. According to the Assessor, a class 2-07 property is defined as a "two or more story residence, up to 62 years of age, up to 2,000 square feet." Per the evidence and letter submitted, the Board finds that subject contains 1,966 square feet of living area. The definition of a class 2-07 property accurately describes the subject, as the subject contains 1,966 square feet of living area. The subject's new improvement per square foot of living area is \$23.37.

Looking at the evidence submitted, the Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the board of review's comparables. These comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$10.83 to \$14.72 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$23.37 per square foot of living area based on 1,966 square feet of living area falls above the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record the Board finds the appellant did demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and 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.