



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

APPELLANT: Dev Rao  
DOCKET NO.: 15-05390.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 09-24-402-004

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Dev Rao, the appellant, by attorney Stephanie Park, of Park & Longstreet, P.C. in Rolling Meadows; and the DuPage 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 **DuPage** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:** \$121,570  
**IMPR.:** \$233,780  
**TOTAL:** \$355,350

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the DuPage County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2015 tax year. The Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of the appeal.<sup>1</sup>

**Findings of Fact**

The subject property consists of a part two-story and part one-story dwelling of brick exterior construction with 4,838 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2001. Features of the home include a full finished basement, central air conditioning, six fireplaces and a 904 square foot garage. The property has a 24,626 square foot site and is located in Burr Ridge, Downers Grove Township, DuPage County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. The subject's land assessment was not contested. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables located in the same neighborhood code assigned by the township

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<sup>1</sup> Prior to the hearing, the appellant requested that this appeal be written on the evidence instead of presenting their case in person at a hearing. The board of review did not object. The Board finds that this appeal will be written on the evidence, as requested.

assessor as the subject property. The comparables were improved with part two-story and part one-story style brick or frame and brick dwellings ranging in size from 4,494 to 5,167 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1994 to 2001. Each comparable has a full unfinished basement, one to three fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 682 to 830 square feet of building area. Three comparables have central air conditioning.<sup>2</sup> The comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$187,040 to \$211,320 or from \$38.97 to \$41.87 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the improvement assessment be reduced to \$188,560 or \$38.97 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 \$355,350. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$233,780 or \$48.32 per square foot of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables located in the same neighborhood code assigned by the township assessor as the subject property. The comparables were improved with part two-story and part one-story style brick dwellings ranging in size from 4,368 to 4,804 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 2000 to 2005. Each comparable has a full finished basement, central air conditioning, two to four fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 874 to 1,114 square feet of building area. The comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$208,930 to \$244,020 or from \$47.83 to \$54.03 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested that the assessment be confirmed.

### **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 eight suggested comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparables due to these comparables having a full unfinished basement when compared to the subject's full finished basement.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the board of review comparables. These comparables are similar in location, dwelling size, design, exterior construction, age and features when compared to the subject property. These comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$208,930 to \$244,020 or from \$47.83 to \$54.03 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$233,780 or \$48.32 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the most similar comparables in this record. Based on this record the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing

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<sup>2</sup> The appellant's grid analysis was void of some pertinent descriptive data, which was provided by the board of review.

evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not 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(b) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.50(b)) 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



Acting 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: November 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 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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