



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

APPELLANT: Harry & Diane Walter
DOCKET NO.: 15-06499.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 08-07-416-016

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Harry & Diane Walter, the appellants, by attorney Katherine Amari O'Dell, of Amari & Locallo, in Chicago, 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: \$56,430
IMPR.: \$92,820
TOTAL: \$149,250

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellants 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.

Findings of Fact

The subject property consists of a part two-story and part one-story dwelling of frame construction with 2,584 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1983. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 450 square foot garage. Additional features of the subject dwelling include a 320 square foot enclosed porch with a jacuzzi set in concrete and a 410 square foot deck. The property has a 10,663 square foot site and is located in Naperville, Lisle Township, DuPage County.

The appellants contend assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal concerning the subject's improvement assessment; no dispute was raised concerning the land assessment. In support of this argument, the appellants submitted limited information on three equity comparables located within three blocks of the subject property. The comparables consist of two-story frame and masonry dwellings that were 20 or 32 years old. The homes range in size from 2,459 to 2,644

square feet of living area with basements and garages of either 407 or 420 square feet of building area. The appellants provided no other characteristics of the comparable properties. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$70,480 to \$81,560 or from \$28.66 to \$30.85 per square foot of living area.

Based on this evidence, the appellants requested a reduced improvement assessment of \$76,435 or \$29.58 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 \$149,250. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$92,820 or \$35.92 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review through the township assessor submitted information on three equity comparables located in close proximity to the subject property. The comparables consist of part two-story and part one-story frame dwellings that were 32 to 34 years old. The homes range in size from 2,508 to 2,658 square feet of living area with basements, one of which is partially finished, central air conditioning, a fireplace and garages ranging in size from 460 to 504 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$90,100 to \$96,130 or from \$35.93 to \$37.12 per square foot of living area.

Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

Conclusion of Law

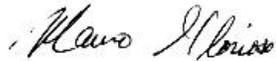
The taxpayers contend assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. When unequal treatment in the assessment process is the basis of the appeal, the inequity of the assessments must be proved by clear and convincing evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of unequal treatment in the assessment 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 appellants did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted a total of six equity comparables to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board has given reduced weight to appellants' comparable #1 due to its slightly newer age when compared to the subject dwelling.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be appellants' comparables #2 and #3 along with the board of review comparables. These comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$73,490 to \$96,130 or from \$29.27 to \$37.12 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$92,820 or \$35.92 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record the Board finds the appellants did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not justified.

The constitutional provision for uniformity of taxation and valuation does not require mathematical equality. The requirement is satisfied if the intent is evident to adjust the taxation burden with a reasonable degree of uniformity and if such is the effect of the statute enacted by the General Assembly establishing the method of assessing real property in its general operation. A practical uniformity, rather than an absolute one, is the test. Apex Motor Fuel Co. v. Barrett, 20 Ill. 2d 395 (1960). Although the comparables presented by the parties disclosed that properties located in the same area are not assessed at identical levels, all that the constitution requires is a practical uniformity which appears to exist on the basis of the evidence. For the foregoing reasons, the Board finds that the appellants have not proven by clear and convincing evidence that the subject property is inequitably assessed. Therefore, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that the subject's assessment as established by the board of review is correct and no reduction is 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(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



Member



Acting 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: February 20, 2018



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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