



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

APPELLANT: Real Equities Inc.
DOCKET NO.: 15-35018.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 13-17-215-007-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Real Equities Inc., the appellant, by attorney Timothy E. Moran, of Schmidt Salzman & Moran, Ltd. 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 **No Change** 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: \$5,200
IMPR.: \$16,817
TOTAL: \$22,017

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 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 one-story dwelling of masonry construction with 940 square feet of living area. The dwelling is 92 years old. Features of the home include a full unfinished basement, and a one-car garage. The property has a 4,000 square foot site and is located in Chicago, Jefferson Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-02 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 five equity comparables. None of the comparables are located within the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables consist of five one-story dwellings of frame construction. The comparables are 91 to 93 years old. None of the comparables have central air conditioning. All of the comparables have a one-car detached garage. All of the comparables are on concrete slab foundations. The comparables

have improvement assessments ranging from \$9,230 to \$9,588 or from \$10.15 to \$10.28 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$22,017. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$16,817 or \$17.89 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, all located within the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables consist of one-story dwellings of masonry construction that are 89 and 92 years old. Two of the comparables have unfinished basements. One comparable is on a concrete slab foundation. All of the comparables have a one-car or two-car garage. None of the comparables have central air conditioning. The dwellings range in size from 914 to 949 square feet of living area, and have improvement assessments ranging from \$16,711 to \$17,202 or from \$17.89 to \$18.28 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 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 record has eight comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to all of the appellant's comparables as they are all located in a different neighborhood code than the subject. Also, all of the comparables are on concrete slab foundations, dissimilar to the subject. The Board gave less weight to board of review's comparable #3 as it has a formal basement recreation room, dissimilar to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the board of review comparables #1 and #2 due to their proximate location to the subject and similarity of features. These comparables had improvement assessments of \$16,817 and \$17,202 or \$17.89 and \$18.13 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$16,817 or \$17.89 per square foot of living fall within the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record the Board finds the appellant 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.

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(d) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.50(d)) 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



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: June 19, 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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