



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

APPELLANT: Mario Petrella  
DOCKET NO.: 16-01816.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 14-13-202-024

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Mario Petrella, the appellant, by attorney Donald T. Rubin, of Golan Christie Taglia, LLP in Chicago; and the Lake 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 **Lake** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:** \$83,653  
**IMPR.:** \$333,144  
**TOTAL:** \$416,797

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Lake County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2016 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 dwelling of brick construction. The dwelling was built in 2006 and contains 5,783 square feet of living area. Features of the home include a full unfinished basement, central air conditioning, three fireplaces and a 1,103 square foot garage. The subject is located in Long Grove, Ela Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on six equity comparables. These comparables are described as 2-story brick or frame dwellings built between 2004 and 2006. They range in size from 4,818 to 6,786 square feet of living area. The comparables feature full unfinished basements, central air conditioning, two to four fireplaces and garages that range from 806 to 1,384 square feet of building area. Comparable #5 features a pool. The comparables are located within .22 of a mile from the subject. They have improvement assessments ranging from

\$229,132 to \$350,587 or from \$47.56 to \$54.67 per square foot of living area. Counsel for the appellant also submitted a Uniformity Comparison Sheet. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the improvement assessment be reduced to \$293,719 or \$50.79 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the improvement assessment for the subject of \$333,144 or \$57.61 per square foot of living area.

In support of its assessment the board of review submitted information on eight equity comparables. These comparables are described as two-story dwellings of brick construction built from 2002 to 2007. They range in size from 5,355 to 6,008 square feet of living area. The comparables feature full unfinished basements, central air conditioning, two to five fireplaces and garages that range in size from 796 to 1,170 square feet of building area. The comparables are located within .45 of a mile from the subject. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$309,287 to \$345,025 or from \$56.20 to \$62.61 per square foot of living area.

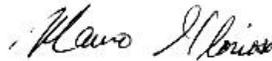
Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

### **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.

Both parties submitted a total of fourteen equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to appellant's comparables #3 through #6 based on dissimilar dwelling sizes as compared to the subject. The Board gave more weight to appellant's comparables #1 and #2 and all eight of the board of review comparables. These comparables were most similar to the subject in location, style, age, dwelling size and features. These comparables had improvement assessments ranging from \$50.00 to \$62.61 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$57.61 per square foot of living area is 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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