

# FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT:	Jessica Clegg
DOCKET NO.:	16-02335.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.:	06-27-102-009

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jessica Clegg, the appellant, by attorney Brian S. Maher, of Weis, DuBrock, Doody & Maher 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 <u>No Change</u> 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:	\$26,831
IMPR.:	\$77,295
TOTAL:	\$104,126

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 single-family dwelling of frame exterior construction with 2,720 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1988. Features of the home include an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a 548-square foot garage. The dwelling is located in Grayslake, Avon Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on three equity comparables. The properties are located from 0.04 to 0.22 of a mile from the subject and all have the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables consist of two-story single-family residential structures of frame exterior construction containing from 2,770 to 2,858 square feet of living area. The houses were built between 1988 and 1994. Each of the comparables has a full unfinished basement, central air-conditioning, a fireplace, and a garage ranging in size from 575 to 809 square feet of building

area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$68,890 to \$73,265 or from \$24.71 to \$26.45 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 \$104,126. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$77,295 or \$28.42 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. The comparables are located from 0.109 to 0.674 of a mile from the subject and share the same neighborhood code as the subject. The parcels are improved with two-story single-family residential structures of frame exterior construction. The dwellings were built between 1987 and 1992 and contain from 2,701 to 2,732 square feet of living area. Each of the comparables has a full unfinished basement, central air-conditioning, a fireplace, and a garage ranging in size from 462 to 768 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$75,616 to \$84,303 or from \$27.68 to \$30.95 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 parties presented data on seven suggested comparables for the Board's consideration. All of the comparables are similar to the subject in age, location, size, and features. The comparables had improvement assessments ranging from \$68,890 to \$84,303 or from \$24.71 to \$30.95 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$77,295 or \$28.42 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the comparables submitted for the Board's consideration. Based on this evidence, the Board finds the subject's assessment is supported and a reduction 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.

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# 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:

August 21, 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 <u>PETITION AND</u> <u>EVIDENCE</u> 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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# PARTIES OF RECORD

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