



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

APPELLANT: Walter Sigerich  
DOCKET NO.: 16-06342.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 09-07-210-051

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Walter Sigerich, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld, of Robert H. Rosenfeld and Associates, LLC 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:** \$109,430  
**IMPR.:** \$305,510  
**TOTAL:** \$414,940

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 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 part two-story and part one-story dwelling of frame construction with 4,463 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2010. Features of the home include a full basement with 75% of finished area, central air conditioning, three fireplaces and a 900 square foot garage. The property has a 15,260 square foot site and is located in Downers Grove, Downers Grove Township, DuPage 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 located in the same neighborhood code assigned by the township assessor as the subject property. The comparables were improved with a part two-story and part one-story style frame dwellings that ranged in size from 4,189 to 4,682 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 2005 to 2016. Each comparable has a full basement with two having a finished area of 50% or 100%,

central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a garage ranging in size from 640 to 762 square feet of building area.<sup>1</sup> The comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$257,220 to \$297,670 or from \$61.40 to \$63.58 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the improvement assessment be reduced to \$278,699 or \$62.45 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 \$414,940. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$305,510 or \$68.45 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 in which, two comparables are located in the same neighborhood assigned by the township assessor as the subject property. Comparable #3 is located within four blocks of the subject property. The comparables were improved with part two-story and part one-story style frame dwellings that range in size from 4,092 to 4,318 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 2007 to 2015. Each comparable has a full basement with finished area of 75% or 100%, central air conditioning, two or three fireplaces and a garage containing either 708 or 1,196 square feet of building area. The comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$281,880 to \$287,260 or from \$65.28 to \$69.04 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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The parties submitted six suggested comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gave less weight to the appellant's comparable #3 due to its lack of basement finish when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the remaining five comparables. These comparables have varying degrees of similarity in location, dwelling size, design, age and features when compared to the subject property. These comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$274,550 to \$287,260 or from \$62.36 to \$69.04 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$305,510 or \$68.45 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 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Due to greater details in characteristics, the data is drawn from the board of review reiteration of the appellant's comparables and property record cards.

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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Chairman



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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 18, 2020



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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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