



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

APPELLANT: Milan Culafic
DOCKET NO.: 16-28669.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 15-19-101-108-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Milan Culafic, the appellant; and the Cook County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented in this matter, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds **A Reduction** 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: \$561
IMPR.: \$0
TOTAL: \$561

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 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 parcel is an 11,220 square foot vacant lot. It is located in Downers Grove, Cook County and is classified as a Class 1-00 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends the assessment of the subject property is inequitable. In support of this argument the appellant submitted ten vacant land equity comparables that were reported to range in size from 8,333 to 15,300 square feet of land area. The land assessments ranged from \$416 to \$765 or \$0.05 per square foot of land area. The subject property has a land assessment of \$3,366 or \$0.30 per square foot of land area.

The appellant also stated on the appeal form that the parcel was the subject of an appeal in 2015 (Docket #15-24549.001-R-1) in which the land assessment was lowered to \$561. Based on the evidence submitted, the appellant requested that the land assessment be reduced to \$561.

The board of review did not timely submit its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" or timely submit any evidence in support of its assessed valuation of the subject property.

Conclusion of Law

The appellant contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. Taxpayers who object to an assessment on the basis of lack of uniformity bear the burden of proving the disparity of assessment valuations by clear and convincing evidence. Kankakee County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 131 Ill.2d 1 (1989). The evidence must demonstrate a consistent pattern of assessment inequities within the assessment jurisdiction. The Board finds the appellant met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The appellant submitted ten equity comparables with land assessments of \$0.05 per square foot of land area. The subject property has a land assessment of \$0.30 per square foot of land area which is above the range established by these comparables on a per square foot basis. The board of review did not timely submit any evidence in support of its assessment of the subject property or to refute the evidence submitted by the appellant as required by Section 1910.40(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.40(a)) and was found to be in default by a letter dated October 25, 2018. The Board has examined the information submitted by the appellant and finds a reduction in the assessed valuation of the subject property is 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



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: March 19, 2019



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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