



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

APPELLANT: Peter & Pat Corasis
DOCKET NO.: 17-42082.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 04-20-206-008-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Peter & Pat Corasis, the appellants, by attorney George N. Reveliotis, of Reveliotis Law, P.C. in Park Ridge, 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: \$10,631
IMPR.: \$34,205
TOTAL: \$44,836

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellants 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 2017 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 frame and masonry exterior construction with 2,359 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 44 years old. Features include a partial basement with a formal recreation room, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a two-car garage. The property has a 10,372 square foot site and is located in Glenview, Northfield Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-78 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellants contend both overvaluation and lack of assessment uniformity as the bases of the appeal.

In support of the overvaluation argument, the appellants submitted information on four comparable sales that were located within the same neighborhood code as the subject. The

comparables had lots ranging in size from 10,164 to 15,035 square feet of land area and were improved with similar class 2-78 dwellings of frame and masonry exterior construction. The comparables ranged in size from 2,398 to 2,840 square feet of living area and ranged in age from 41 to 49 years old. Each comparable has a full or partial basement, one of which has a formal recreation room. Each comparable has central air conditioning, a fireplace and a two-car garage. The comparables sold from February 2016 to June 2017 for prices ranging from \$410,000 to \$517,000 or from \$170.98 to \$192.83 per square foot of living area, including land.

In support of the inequity argument, the appellant submitted information on eight comparables located within the same neighborhood code as the subject and within .09 of a mile from the subject. The comparables consist of two-story class 2-78 dwellings of frame and masonry exterior construction. The dwellings are each 44 years old and range in size from 2,359 to 2,503 square feet of living area. Each comparable has a partial basement, five of which have formal recreation rooms. Each dwelling has central air conditioning and a two-car garage. Six dwellings each feature a fireplace. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$31,563 to \$35,818 or from \$13.38 to \$14.58 per square foot of living area.

Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the subject's total assessment be reduced to \$43,681 which would reflect a total market value of \$436,810 or \$185.17 per square foot of living area, land included, when applying the level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance of 10%. The requested reduced improvement assessment of \$33,050 would reflect an assessment of \$14.01 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 \$47,761. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$477,610 or \$202.46 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying the level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance of 10%. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$37,130 or \$15.74 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on four comparables with both sales and equity data. The comparables were each located within the same neighborhood code as the subject and either within the subarea or within ¼ mile of the subject. The comparables have lots ranging in size from 10,000 to 16,585 square feet of land area and were improved with similar class 2-78 two-story dwellings of frame or frame and masonry exterior construction. The comparables range in size from 2,667 to 3,114 square feet of living area and range in age from 12 to 44 years old. Each comparable has a full or partial basement, three of which have formal recreation rooms. Each comparable has central air conditioning, a fireplace and either a 2-car or a 2.5-car garage. The comparables sold from February 2014 to August 2016 for prices ranging from \$689,900 to \$739,000 or from \$236.03 to \$258.68 per square foot of living area, including land. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$43,552 to \$55,067 or from \$16.33 to \$19.13 per square foot of living area.

Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment on both market value and equity grounds.

Conclusion of Law

The appellants contend, in part, that the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessed valuation. When market value is the basis of the appeal the value of the property must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of market value may consist of an appraisal of the subject property, a recent sale, comparable sales or construction costs. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(c). The Board finds the appellants did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted a total of eight comparable sales to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board has given reduced weight to the appellants' comparable #4 and the board of review comparables due to differences in dwelling size and/or date of sale in 2014 or 2015 which are more remote in time to the valuation date at issue and not as recent as other more similar comparable sales in the record.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be appellants' comparable sales #1, #2 and #3. These most similar comparables sold most recently from February 2016 to June 2017 for prices ranging from \$410,000 to \$505,000 or from \$170.98 to \$192.83 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$477,610 or \$202.46 per square foot of living area, including land, which is within the range of the best comparable sales in this record in terms of overall value and slightly above the range on a per-square-foot basis. Based on this evidence and after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences in dwelling size and/or basement finish when compared to the subject, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is not justified.

Additionally, the taxpayers contend assessment inequity as another 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 appellants met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The parties submitted a total of twelve equity comparables to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board has given reduced weight to appellant's comparables #3 and #4 along with the board of review comparables due to differences in dwelling size when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be appellants' comparables #1, #2 and #5 through #8. These six comparables are identical in dwelling size and are each similar to the subject in location, age, foundation and most features. The comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$31,563 to \$34,394 or from \$13.38 to \$14.58 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$37,130 or \$15.74 per square foot of living area falls above the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on

this record and after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the appellant demonstrated with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's assessment is justified based upon a lack of assessment uniformity.

In conclusion, having examined the entire record, the Board finds that no change in the subject's assessment is warranted based grounds of overvaluation, but a reduction is warranted on grounds of assessment inequity.

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: April 20, 2021



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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