



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

APPELLANT: Terry Stoklosa  
DOCKET NO.: 18-38297.001-R-1 through 18-38297.002-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: See Below

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Terry Stoklosa, the appellant, 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:

<b>DOCKET NO</b>	<b>PARCEL NUMBER</b>	<b>LAND</b>	<b>IMPRVMT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
18-38297.001-R-1	13-03-123-006-0000	4,480	23,155	\$27,635
18-38297.002-R-1	13-03-123-007-0000	8,960	23,155	\$32,115

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 2018 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 two parcels improved with a 2-story dwelling of frame and masonry exterior construction with 2,105 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 78 years old. Features of the home include a partial basement with finished area, central air conditioning, one fireplace, and a 2-car garage. The property has a 8,400 square foot site and is located in Chicago, Jefferson Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-05 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on nine equity comparables located in the same neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables are improved 2-story class 2-05 dwellings of masonry or frame and masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,680 to 2,151 square feet of living area. The dwellings range

in age from 71 to 92 years old. Eight comparables each have a basement with two having finished area and one comparable has a concrete slab foundation. Five comparables each have central air conditioning. Seven comparables each have one or two fireplaces. Each comparable has from a 1-car to a 2-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$38,304 to \$51,537 or from \$21.02 to \$25.18 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the subject's total improvement assessment be reduced to \$33,523 or \$15.93 per square foot of living area.

The appellant submitted a copy of the final decision of the Cook County Board of Review dated April 1, 2019 for the 2018 assessment year concerning the two parcels which depicts assessments of \$32,641 for Parcel #1 (PIN 13-03-123-006-0000) and \$37,121 for Parcel #2 (PIN 13-03-123-007-0000). The subject's two parcels have a combined total assessment of \$69,762 and a total improvement assessment of \$56,322 or \$26.76 per square foot of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal providing assessment information for one of the two parcels under appeal. In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on three equity comparables located in the same neighborhood code as the subject property. Comparable #1 is the second parcel under appeal for the subject property and will not be referenced further in this decision. Comparables #2, #3, and #4 are improved with 2-story class 2-05 dwellings of masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,440 to 1,736 square feet of living area. The comparables range in age from 78 to 90 years old. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, one or two fireplaces, and a 1-car or a 2-car garage. One comparable has central air conditioning. The three comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$40,155 to \$51,801 or from \$27.02 to \$29.84 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested the subject's assessment be confirmed.

### **Conclusion of Law**

The appellant 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 twelve suggested comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #3, #4, #6, and #9 as well as the board of review comparables due to differences in age, dwelling size, central air conditioning amenity, and/or foundation type when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the five remaining appellant comparables which are similar to the subject in location design, age, dwelling size, and most features. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$42,988 to \$45,888 or from \$21.13 to \$22.73 per square foot of living area. The subject's total improvement

assessment of \$56,322 or \$26.76 falls above the range established by the best comparables in this record and is not supported. 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.

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



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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 20, 2024



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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