



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

APPELLANT: Pradip Bhatt  
DOCKET NO.: 18-39012.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 10-27-224-048-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Pradip Bhatt, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld, of Robert H. Rosenfeld and Associates, LLC in Chicago; and the Cook 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 **Cook** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:** \$3,894  
**IMPR.:** \$18,403  
**TOTAL:** \$22,297

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 a one-story dwelling of masonry exterior construction with 1,136 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 60 years old. Features of the home include an unfinished full basement and central air conditioning. The property has a 4,720 square foot site located in Skokie, Niles Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-03 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 four equity comparables that are located in the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are improved with class 2-03 dwellings of masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,194 to 1,411 square feet of living area and in age from 59 to 62 years old. The comparables each have a full basement, three of which have finished area. Each comparable has central air

conditioning. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$15,776 to \$18,098 or from \$12.83 to \$13.33 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$14,779 or \$13.01 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 \$22,297. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$18,403 or \$16.20 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 that are located in the same neighborhood code as the subject. In addition, three comparables are located in the same block as the subject. The comparables are improved with one-story class 2-03 dwellings of masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 1,008 to 1,124 square feet of living area and are either 58 or 63 years old. Each comparable has a full basement, one of which has finished area. Two comparables each have central air conditioning and three comparables have from a 1-car to a 2.5-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$17,395 to \$20,656 or from \$16.71 to \$18.38 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested that 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 did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties submitted eight suggested comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparable #1 due to its larger dwelling size when compared to the subject. The Board gives less weight to the board of review comparables #1, #3 and #4 as each has a garage unlike the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the parties' four remaining comparables as they are relatively similar to the subject in age, dwelling size and features. However, three comparables each have finished basement area which the subject lacks. In addition, one comparable lacks central air conditioning which is a feature of the subject. Nevertheless, these comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$12.89 to \$16.71 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$16.20 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record on a per square foot basis. After considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject, 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 improvement assessment based on inequity is not warranted.

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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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 19, 2022



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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