



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

APPELLANT: Alex Rheingans
DOCKET NO.: 19-00213.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 16-05-22-206-023-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Alex Rheingans, the appellant, by Mary Kate Gorman, Attorney at Law in Chicago; and the Will 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 Will County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$35,884
IMPR.: \$180,366
TOTAL: \$216,250

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Will County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2019 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 masonry construction with 4,145 square feet of living area. The dwelling is 12 years old. Features of the home include a 2,008 square foot basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 774 square foot garage. The property is located in Homer Glen, Homer Township, Will County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the subject's improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on three equity comparables that are located within the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are two-story dwellings of masonry construction that range in size from 4,024 to 4,316 square feet of living area. The homes are either 9 or 13 years old and have basements that range in size from 1,830 to 1,966 square foot of building area. Other features include central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and garages that range in size from 809 to 1,167 square feet

of building area.¹ The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$170,736 to \$182,379 or from \$41.68 to \$42.43 per square foot of living area.

Based on this evidence the appellant requested that the subject's assessment be reduced to \$210,471.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$216,250. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$180,366 or \$43.51 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 that are located within the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are two-story dwellings of masonry construction that range in size from 3,772 to 4,260 square feet of living area. The homes range in age from 8 to 13 years old and have basements that range in size from 1,980 to 2,358 square feet of building area. Other features include central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and garages that range in size from 790 to 962 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$164,067 to \$186,581 or from \$43.50 to \$44.26 per square foot of living area.

Based on this evidence the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

Conclusion of Law

The taxpayer contends improvement 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 a total of six comparable properties for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the board of review's comparable #3, due to its smaller size when compared to the subject. The Board finds the remaining comparables are similar to the subject in location, style, age, size and most features. These comparables have improvement assessments ranging from of \$170,736 to \$186,581 or from \$41.68 to \$44.26 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$180,366 or \$43.51 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in the record. After considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's improvement assessment is supported. Based on this record, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement is inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

¹ The board of review reported that the appellant's comparable #2 has two fireplaces, which was not refuted by the appellant.

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: June 8, 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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