



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

APPELLANT: Demetrios Christopoulos  
DOCKET NO.: 19-34550.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 09-11-203-020-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Demetrios Christopoulos, 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:

**LAND:** \$12,659  
**IMPR.:** \$13,356  
**TOTAL:** \$26,015

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 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 multi-level frame and masonry dwelling with 1,335 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 60 years old. Features of the home include a partial basement with finished area, and a one-car garage. The property has a 14,066 square foot site and is located in Glenview, Maine Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-34 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four comparable sales located within the same neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables have sites ranging in size from 9,800 to 10,586 square feet of land area and are improved with similar class 2-34 dwellings of frame and masonry construction. The dwellings range in size from 1,344 to 1,581 square feet of living area and are either 60 or 61 years old. The comparables each have a full or partial basement with

finished area, central air-conditioning and a one-car or a two-car garage. The properties sold from August 2017 to September 2019 for prices ranging from \$250,000 to \$315,000 or from \$174.83 to \$211.97 per square foot of living area, including land.

Based on this evidence, the appellant requested that the subject's total assessment be reduced to \$26,015. The requested assessment would reflect a total market value of \$260,150 or \$194.87 per square foot of living area, land included, when applying the 10% level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$32,394. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$323,940 or \$242.65 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying the 10% level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four comparable properties located within the same neighborhood code as the subject property, only one of which contains sale information.<sup>1</sup> This comparable has a 9,801 square foot site and is improved with a similar class 2-34 dwelling of frame and masonry construction. The dwelling has 1,162 square feet of living area and is 54 years old. The comparable features a partial basement with finished area, central air-conditioning, and a two-car garage. The property sold in February 2015 for \$1.00 or \$0.00 per square foot of living area, including land. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

### **Conclusion of Law**

The appellant contends 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 appellant met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The parties submitted five comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the board of review's one sale comparable as its 2015 sale is dated relative to the January 1, 2019 assessment date at issue and its sale price of \$1.00 is not reflective of an arm's-length transaction.

The Board finds that appellant's comparable sales are relatively similar to the subject in location, age, dwelling size, and most features. These comparables sold from August 2017 to September 2019 for prices ranging from \$250,000 to \$315,000 or from \$174.83 to 211.97 per square foot of living area, including land. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$323,940 or \$242.65 per square foot of living area, including land, which falls above the range established by the best comparable sales in this record. After considering adjustments to the comparables for

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<sup>1</sup> As the board of review's other three comparables are equity comparables and not responsive to appellant's overvaluation argument, they will not be further considered by the Board in its analysis.

differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds that a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted commensurate with appellant's request.

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



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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:

May 18, 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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