



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

APPELLANT: Mark Schooley
DOCKET NO.: 19-38369.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 04-08-203-020-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Mark Schooley, the appellant(s), by attorney Christopher G. Walsh, Jr., of Walsh Law, 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: \$15,795
IMPR.: \$44,770
TOTAL: \$60,565

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

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 is improved with a single-family, two-story dwelling of frame-and-masonry construction containing 2,961 square feet of living area. As of the instant lien date the subject was approximately 52 years old. Features of the home include a partial unfinished basement, air conditioning, and a three-car garage. The subject has a 12,150 square foot site and is in Northbrook, Northfield Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-78 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

Appellant's appeal is based on assessment equity, and Appellant submitted information on four suggested comparable two-story dwellings. Three are frame-and-masonry construction, and one is frame. All have air conditioning. As of the lien date, Appellant's comparables ages range from 51 to 52 years old. Appellant's comparables range in size from 2,896 square feet to 3,096 square feet of living area and improvement assessments from \$11.69 to \$13.55 per square foot of living

area. Each comparable has the same neighborhood code as the subject property, and they range in proximity from one block to three blocks from the subject.

The Cook County Board of Review (BOR) submitted its “Board of Review Notes on Appeal” wherein the subject’s final assessment of \$60,565 was disclosed. The subject has a total improvement assessment of \$44,770 or \$15.12 per square foot of living area.

The BOR submitted four equity comparables in support of its final assessment. The properties are described as two-story dwellings, all located on the same block as the subject. All four BOR comparables share the same neighborhood code as the subject. All are frame-and-masonry construction. Three have air conditioning. As of the lien date the BOR comparables were all 56 years old. The comparables range from 2,278 to 2,728 square feet of building area and have improvement assessments from \$15.67 to \$17.75 per square foot of building area.

Conclusions of Law

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 Appellant *did not meet* this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is *not warranted*.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be BOR comparables 1 and 2 and Appellant comparables 1 and 2. All three comparables are within 320 square feet of the subject’s improvement size. All four comparables are within four years of the subject’s age. All four comparables are frame-and-masonry construction, same as the subject. The BOR comparables are on the same block as the subject; Appellants comparables are one block from the subject.

These comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$11.69 to \$16.69 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$15.12 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record.

Based on this record, the Board finds Appellant *did not* demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's assessment is *not 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



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: _____

January 21, 2025



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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