



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

APPELLANT: Jeffrey & Jean Kennedy
DOCKET NO.: 20-33814.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 27-27-401-010-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Jeffrey & Jean Kennedy, the appellants, by attorney Brian S. Maher, of Weis, DuBrock, Doody & Maher, 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: \$6,144
IMPR.: \$48,217
TOTAL: \$54,361

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 2020 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 frame and masonry exterior construction with 3,865 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 19 years old. Features of the home include a full unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a three-car garage. The property has a 12,288 square foot site and is located in Tinley Park, Orland Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-08 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends assessment inequity concerning the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables located in the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables consist of two-story dwellings of frame and masonry exterior construction which range in age from 15 to 19 years old. The comparables range in size from 4,154 to 4,552 square feet of living area. Each

comparable has a full unfinished basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and either a 2.5-car or a 3-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$47,420 to \$51,905 or from \$11.37 to \$11.61 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced improvement assessment of \$44,378 or \$11.48 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 \$54,361. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$48,217 or \$12.48 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, one of which is located in the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables consist of class 2-08 two-story dwellings of frame and masonry exterior construction which range in age from 4 to 19 years old. The comparables range in size from 3,912 to 4,364 square feet of living area. Three comparables have full unfinished basements and comparable #2 has a concrete slab foundation. Features include central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces and a three-car garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$53,701 to \$57,389 or from \$12.68 to \$13.73 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 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 eight equity comparables to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board has given reduced weight to appellant's comparable #1 due to its larger dwelling size when compared to other comparables in the record. The Board has also given reduced weight to board of review comparables #1 and #2 due to age and foundation differences, respectively, when compared to the subject dwelling.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be appellant's comparables #2, #3 and #4 as well as board of review comparables #3 and #4 which are similar to the subject in design, exterior construction, age, foundation type and several features. These comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$47,240 to \$55,530 or from \$11.37 to \$13.73 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$48,217 or \$12.48 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record both in terms of overall assessment and on a square-foot basis which appears logical after considering adjustments to the comparables for differences in age, dwelling size and/or other features. Based on this record and after a thorough analysis of the data presented by the parties, 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 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: June 18, 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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