



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

APPELLANT: Mark Kutsch
DOCKET NO.: 20-47062.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 04-29-407-014-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Mark Kutsch, the appellant, by attorney Andrew S. Dziuk of Andrew Dziuk, Esq. 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: \$12,173
IMPR.: \$39,500
TOTAL: \$51,673

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 is improved with a two-story dwelling of frame and masonry exterior construction containing 2,836 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 52 years old. Features of the home include a partial unfinished basement, one fireplace, three full bathrooms, two half bathrooms, and an attached two-car garage. The property has a 10,360 square foot site located in Glenview, Northfield Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-78 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends inequity regarding the improvement assessment as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four assessment equity comparables consisting of class 2-78 properties of frame and masonry exterior construction that range in size from 2,692 to 3,200 square feet of living area. The dwellings are

either 36 or 54 years old. Each property has a partial or full basement with one having a formal recreation room, central air conditioning, one fireplace, 2½ bathrooms, and either an attached 2-car or 2½-car garage. The comparables have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. Their improvement assessments range from \$32,559 to \$39,558 or from \$12.09 to \$12.59 per square foot of living area. The appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$34,287.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$51,673. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$39,500 or \$13.93 per square foot of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four assessment equity comparables composed of class 2-78 properties improved with two-story dwellings of frame and masonry exterior construction that range in size from 2,317 to 3,043 square feet of living areas. The homes range in age from 43 to 53 years old. Three comparables have a partial or full unfinished basement and one comparable has a slab foundation. Each comparable has central air conditioning, one fireplace, 2 ½ or 3 bathrooms, and either a 2-car or a 2½-car garage. The comparables have the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. Their improvement assessments range from \$32,600 to \$44,586 or from \$14.07 to \$14.65 per square foot of living area. The board of review contends the building assessed value per square foot for the comparables are the same or higher than the subject, which supports the correctness of the assessment.

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 information on eight assessment equity comparables with the same classification code and neighborhood code as the subject to support their respective positions. The Board gives less weight to appellant's comparable #2 due to differences from the subject dwelling in age and size. The Board gives less weight to board of review comparable #4 due to differences from the subject in age, size, and type of foundation. The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the appellant's comparables #1, #3 and #4 as well as board of review comparables #1, #2 and #3. These comparables are improved with homes that range in size from 2,680 to 3,080 square feet of living area and in age from 52 to 54 years old. Each comparable has central air conditioning, a feature the subject property does not have, suggesting the comparables would require a downward adjustment to make them more equivalent to the subject property. Three comparables have a larger garage than the subject and appellant's comparable #1 has finished basement area, unlike the subject, also suggesting these comparables would require downward adjustments to make them more equivalent to the subject property for these features. Conversely, each comparable has fewer bathrooms than the subject suggesting

the comparables would require upward adjustments to make them more equivalent to the subject property for this characteristic. These comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$32,559 to \$44,586 or from \$12.09 to \$14.65 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$39,500 or \$13.93 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record, after considering the adjustments to make the comparables more equivalent to the subject property for the differing amenities, 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: _____

August 20, 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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