



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

APPELLANT: Daniel Dobruse  
DOCKET NO.: 21-58068.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 16-18-318-011-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Daniel Dobruse, the appellant, by Amy C. Floyd, Attorney at Law 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 **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:** \$5,906  
**IMPR.:** \$27,530  
**TOTAL:** \$33,436

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) challenging the assessment for the 2021 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 exterior construction with 1,584 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 116 years old. Features of the home include a full unfinished basement and 1½ half bathrooms. The property has a 5,625 square foot site and is located in Oak Park, Oak Park Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-05 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant's appeal is based on a contention of law and assessment inequity with respect to the improvement. The evidence disclosed the subject property is an owner-occupied residence that was the subject matter of an appeal before the Property Tax Appeal Board a prior tax year under Docket Number 20-20336. In that appeal, the Property Tax Appeal Board rendered a decision lowering the assessment of the subject parcel to \$33,436 based on the evidence submitted by the parties.

The appellant also submitted four assessment comparables in support of the contention the subject property was inequitably assessed. The comparables have varying degrees of similarity when compared to the subject. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$16.13 to \$19.32 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the subject's total assessment of \$34,085. The subject has an improvement assessment of \$28,179 or \$17.79 per square foot of living area. The evidence provided by the board of review further disclosed that no township equalization factor was applied in 2021 and that 2020 was the beginning of the general assessment cycle for the subject property. The board of review did not challenge the appellant's assertion that the subject property is an owner-occupied dwelling.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted three comparable properties to demonstrate the subject property was uniformly assessed. The comparables have varying degrees of similarity when compared to the subject. The comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$21.31 to \$32.01 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

In rebuttal, counsel for the appellant requested that the subject's 2020 assessment be carried forward to the subsequent tax year 2021 pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/16-185. Counsel disclosed the subject property is an owner-occupied residence and this tax year is in the same general assessment period.

### **Conclusion of Law**

The appellant raised in part a contention of law asserting that the assessment of the subject property as established by the Property Tax Appeal Board for the 2020 tax year should be carried forward to the 2021 tax year pursuant to section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code. (35 ILCS 200/16-185). When a contention of law is raised the burden of proof is a preponderance of the evidence. (See 5 ILCS 100/10-15). The Board finds the appellant met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The Property Tax Appeal Board finds that the assessment as established by the Board for the 2020 tax year should be carried forward to the 2021 tax year at issue subject only to equalization as provided by section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code.

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-185) states in part:

If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel on which a residence occupied by the owner is situated, such reduced assessment, subject to equalization, shall remain in effect for the remainder of the general assessment period as provided in Sections 9-215 through 9-225, unless that parcel is subsequently sold in an arm's length transaction establishing a fair cash value for the parcel that is different from the fair cash value on which the Board's assessment is based, or unless the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board is reversed or modified upon review.

The record disclosed the Property Tax Appeal Board issued a decision reducing the subject's assessment for the 2020 tax year. The record further indicates that the subject property is an owner-occupied dwelling and that 2020 and 2021 are within the same general assessment period. The record contains no evidence indicating the subject property sold in an arm's length transaction after the Board's decision or that the decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board has been reversed or modified upon review. The record also disclosed that a township equalization factor was not applied in the 2021 tax year by county assessment officials. For these reasons the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted to reflect the assessment as established in the Board's prior year's decision.

As a final point, the Board finds the subject dwelling is being equitably assessed, particularly in light of its newly reduced improvement assessment as a result of applying Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code.

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:

November 25, 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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