

## FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT:	Lynne Krasny
DOCKET NO.:	22-00719.001-R-1
PARCEL NO .:	16-31-202-009

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Lynne Krasny, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld, of Robert H. Rosenfeld & Associates, LLC in Northbrook; and the Lake County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented in this matter, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds <u>No Change</u> in the assessment of the property as established by the Lake County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND:	\$52,973
IMPR.:	\$118,043
TOTAL:	\$171,016

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

#### **Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Lake County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2022 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 wood siding exterior construction with 2,356 square feet of living area. The dwelling was built in 1976 and is approximately 46 years old. Features of the home include a 1,236 square foot unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace, and a 510 square foot garage. The property has an approximately 13,512 square foot site and is located in Deerfield, West Deerfield Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with respect to the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are described as two-story dwellings of brick or wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,356 to 2,799 square feet of living area and are either 46 or 55 years old. Each comparable has from a 471 to a 1,161 square foot unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one fireplace

and a garage ranging in size from 441 to 510 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$85,252 to \$112,128 or from \$36.19 to \$42.72 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$92,355 or \$39.20 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 \$171,016. The subject has an improvement assessment of \$118,043 or \$50.10 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on five equity comparables with the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are described as two-story dwellings of brick, wood siding or brick and wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 2,275 to 2,450 square feet of living area. The comparables were built from 1967 to 1973. Each comparable has from a 618 to a 1,296 square foot basement, one of which has finished area, central air conditioning, one fireplace, and a garage ranging in size from 462 to 529 square feet of building area. One comparable has a concrete swimming pool. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$113,858 to \$133,788 or from \$49.58 to \$56.96 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 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 nine equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #3 and #4 which are less similar in dwelling size to the subject than other comparables in the record. The Board also gives less weight to the board of review comparables #1 and #4 that have a basement finish or a swimming pool, unlike the subject. Additionally, the Board gives reduced weight to board of review comparable #3 which appears to be an outlier with its higher improvement assessment compared to other comparables in the record.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the parties' remaining comparables which are overall most similar to the subject in location, age, dwelling size, and features. These four comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$85,252 to \$117,190 or from \$36.19 to \$50.05 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$118,043 or \$50.10 per square foot of living area above the range established by the best comparables in this record which is logical when considering the subject's larger basement size. After considering appropriate adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence

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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:

March 26, 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 <u>PETITION AND</u> <u>EVIDENCE</u> 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.

## PARTIES OF RECORD

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