



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

APPELLANTS: Blerina & Andrea Mukollari
DOCKET NO.: 22-21523.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 13-18-307-047-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Blerina & Andrea Mukollari, the appellants, by attorney George N. Reveliotis, of Reveliotis Law, P.C. in Park Ridge; 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: \$4,719
IMPR.: \$17,925
TOTAL: \$22,644

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellants 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 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 one-story dwelling of frame and masonry exterior construction with 846 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 92 years old. Features of the dwelling include a full unfinished basement, one bathroom and a 2-car garage. The property has a 3,630 square foot site and is located in Harwood Heights, Norwood Park Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2-02 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellants contend overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellants submitted information on four comparables that have the same property classification code and assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are located from .1 of a mile to 1.5 miles from the subject property, one of which is also along the same street as the subject property. The comparables have sites that range in size from 3,630 to 3,780 square feet

of land area. The comparables are improved with one-story dwellings of frame or masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 751 to 965 square feet of living area. The dwellings are from 63 to 97 years old. Three comparables each have a concrete slab foundation and one comparable has a full unfinished basement. Each comparable has one bathroom and two comparables each have either a 1-car or a 1.5-car garage. The properties sold from January to November 2021 for prices ranging from \$115,000 to \$155,000 or from \$138.55 to \$183.87 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the appellants requested the subject's total assessment be reduced to \$13,178, reflecting a market value of \$131,780 or \$155.77 per square foot of living area, land included, when applying the level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance of 10%.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$22,644. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$226,440 or \$267.66 per square foot of living area, including land, when applying the level of assessment for class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance of 10%.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four comparable properties that have the same property classification code and assessment neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables are located approximately ¼ of a mile from the subject or within the subject's subarea. The comparables have sites that range in size from 3,690 to 6,250 square feet of land area. The comparables are improved with one-story or one and one-half-story dwellings of frame or masonry exterior construction ranging in size from 702 to 907 square feet of living area. The dwellings are from 72 to 98 years old. The comparables each have a full basement, one of which is finished with a formal recreation room. Each comparable has one bathroom, one comparable has central air conditioning and two comparables each have a 2-car garage. The properties sold from May 2019 to July 2022 for prices ranging from \$181,000 to \$400,000 or from \$257.10 to \$480.77 per square foot of living area, land included. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

Conclusion of Law

The appellants contend the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessed valuation. When market value is the basis of the appeal the value of the property must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of market value may consist of an appraisal of the subject property, a recent sale, comparable sales or construction costs. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(c). The Board finds the appellants did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The record contains eight comparable sales for the Board's consideration. The Board has given less weight to the appellants' comparables due to their lack of a basement foundation and/or their distant location being more than one mile away. Additionally, the appellants' comparables #3 and #4 are less similar to the subject dwelling in age than are the other comparables in the record. The Board has given reduced weight to board of review comparable #1, which sold in 2019 less proximate in time to the lien date at issue and thus is less likely to reflect the subject's

market value as of the January 1, 2022, assessment date. The Board has also given reduced weight to board of review comparable #3 due to its dissimilar one and one-half-story design when compared to the subject's one-story design.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value to be the board of review comparables #2 and #4, which are relatively similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, design and foundation type. However, the Board finds board of review comparable #2 lacks a garage, a feature of the subject, suggesting an upward adjustment would be required to make this comparable more equivalent to the subject. Likewise, board of review comparable #4 is 20 years newer than the subject, suggesting this comparable would require a downward adjustment. Nevertheless, these two properties sold in May and February 2022 for prices of \$290,000 and \$370,150 or for \$413.11 and \$408.10 per square foot of living area, including land, respectively. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$226,440 or \$267.66 per square foot of living area, including land, which is less than the two best comparables in the record. After considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds the subject's estimated market value as reflected by its assessment is supported. Therefore, based on this record, the Board finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted based on overvaluation.

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: _____

October 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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