



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

APPELLANT: Amy Stockli  
DOCKET NO.: 22-29690.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 10-11-414-023-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Amy Stockli, the appellant, by attorney Christopher G. Walsh, Jr., of Walsh Law, LLC 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:** \$13,680  
**IMPR.:** \$47,320  
**TOTAL:** \$61,000

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 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 2-story dwelling of masonry exterior construction with 1,798 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 95 years old. Features of the home include a basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a 2-car garage. The property has a 6,080 square foot site and is located in Evanston, Evanston 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 overvaluation. In support of this argument the appellant submitted evidence disclosing the subject property was purchased on May 14, 2019 for a price of \$600,000. The appellant completed Section IV of the appeal petition disclosing the parties to the sale were not related, the property sold using a realtor and was advertised for sale through the Multiple Listing Service, and the sale was not due to foreclosure or by contract for deed. In

support of the sale, the appellant submitted a copy of a closing disclosure, reporting a closing date of May 16, 2019 and a purchase price of \$600,000.

The appellant also submitted a brief arguing that sales within three years of the assessment date have been determined by the Board to be the best evidence of a subject property's market value. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to reflect the purchase price.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$61,000. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$610,000 or \$339.27 per square foot of living area, land included, when using the n level of assessment for class 2 property of 10% under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four comparable sales located 0.25 of a mile from the subject. The parcels range in size from 5,580 to 6,800 square feet of land area and are improved with 2-story, class 2-05 homes of frame, stucco, or frame and masonry exterior construction. The homes range in size from 1,177 to 2,042 square feet of living area and range in age from 92 to 131 years old. Three homes have a basement and one home has a slab foundation. Three homes have central air conditioning and three homes each have a fireplace. Each comparable has a 2-car garage. The comparables sold from April 2021 to August 2022 for prices ranging from \$627,000 to \$726,000 or from \$355.53 to \$532.71 per square foot of living area, including land.

Based on this evidence the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

### **Conclusion of Law**

The appellant contends 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 appellant did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The appellant presented evidence of a May 2019 sale of the subject and the board of review presented four comparable sales in support of their respective positions before the Board. The Board gave less weight to the subject's sale due to the fact the sale did not occur proximate in time to the assessment date at issue. The Board also gave less weight to the board of review's comparables #3 and #4, due to substantial differences from the subject in dwelling size, age, and/or foundation type.

The Board finds the best evidence of market value in the record to be the board of review's comparables #1 and #2, which sold proximate in time to the assessment date and are more similar to the subject in dwelling size, age, location, and most features. These comparables sold for prices of \$635,000 and \$726,000 or \$371.13 and \$355.53 per square foot of living area, including land, respectively. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$610,000 or

\$339.27 per square foot of living area, including land, which is below the two best comparable sales in this record. Based on this record and after considering appropriate adjustments to the best comparables for differences from the subject, the Board finds the subject's assessment is reflective of market value 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.

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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: July 15, 2025

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Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

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**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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