



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

APPELLANT: Ronald L. Skelton, Trustee  
DOCKET NO.: 23-05315.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 09-13-400-018

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Ronald L. Skelton, Trustee, the appellant, by attorney Brianna L. Golan, of Golan Christie Taglia LLP in Chicago; and the DuPage 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 **DuPage** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:** \$145,560  
**IMPR.:** \$170,210  
**TOTAL:** \$315,770

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the DuPage County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2023 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 frame and brick exterior construction with 3,152 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1981. Features of the home include a basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 572 square foot garage. The property has an 18,375 square foot site and is located in Burr Ridge, Downers Grove Township, DuPage County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity regarding the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on three equity comparables located within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and from .4 of a mile to 1.2 miles from the subject. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings ranging in size from 2,808 to 3,622 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1951 to 1978 and have basements. Each comparable has central air conditioning, one fireplace

and a garage ranging in size from 529 to 740 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$155,440 to \$190,240 or from \$46.62 to \$55.36 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 total assessment for the subject of \$323,730. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$178,170 or \$56.53 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on three equity comparables located within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject and from .05 to .69 of a mile from the subject. Comparables #1 and #3 are the same properties as appellant's comparables #3 and #1, respectively. The comparables are improved with 2-story dwellings of frame or frame and brick exterior construction ranging in size from 2,808 to 3,984 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1951 to 1983 and have basements. Each comparable has central air conditioning, one fireplace and a garage ranging in size from 529 to 707 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$155,440 to \$218,890 or from \$54.94 to \$55.36 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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The record contains four equity comparables for the Board's consideration, two of which are common to both parties. The Board gives less weight to board of review comparable #2 due to its significantly larger dwelling size when compared to the subject. The Board gives less weight to the parties' common comparable (appellant's comparable #1/board of review comparable #3) which is a significantly older dwelling when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be appellant's comparables #2 and #3 along with the board of review comparable #1 which includes the common comparable. These two comparables overall are more similar in age and dwelling size and have varying degrees of similarity in features. These comparables have improvement assessments of \$155,440 and \$168,850 or \$46.62 and \$55.36 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$178,170 or \$56.53 per square foot of living area falls above the two best comparables in the record. Based on this evidence and after considering adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the appellant

demonstrated with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and a reduction in the subject's assessment is 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: January 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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