



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

APPELLANT: Maria Bryjak  
DOCKET NO.: 23-05633.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 09-14-201-005

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Maria Bryjak, the appellant, by attorney Brian S. Maher, of Weis, DuBrock, Doody & Maher 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 **No Change** 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:** \$109,310  
**IMPR.:** \$279,480  
**TOTAL:** \$388,790

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 3,945 square feet of living area.<sup>1</sup> The dwelling was built in 2005. Features of the home include a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, one fireplace, and a 796 square foot garage. The property has an 11,325 square foot site and is located in Hinsdale, Downers Grove Township, DuPage 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 three equity comparables located within 0.4 of a mile from the subject and are within the same assessment

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<sup>1</sup> The parties differ regarding some details of the subject property. The Board finds the best evidence of the subject is depicted in the subject's property record card which was submitted by the board of review and unrefuted by the appellant.

neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables are improved with 2-story homes of frame or brick exterior construction ranging in size from 3,661 to 4,292 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 2001 to 2015. The comparables each have a basement, two of which have finished area. Each comparable has central air conditioning, either one or two fireplaces, and a garage that ranges in size from 639 to 796 square feet of building area.<sup>2</sup> The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$249,420 to \$269,790 or from \$62.86 to \$68.69 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested the subject property's improvement assessment be reduced to \$261,001 or \$66.16 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 \$388,790. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$279,480 or \$70.84 per square foot of living area.

Evidence submitted by the board of review included a copy of both parties' grid analyses, property record cards for each of the parties' suggested comparables, and a map depicting the location of the parties' comparables in relation to the subject.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on three equity comparables located within 0.55 of a mile from the subject and are within the same assessment neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables are improved with 2-story homes of brick exterior construction ranging in size from 3,940 to 4,157 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 2004 to 2007. The homes each have a basement with have finished area. Each comparable has central air conditioning, either one or two fireplaces, and a garage that ranges in size from 726 to 762 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$283,330 to \$293,980 or from \$70.72 to \$71.91 per square foot of living area. Based upon this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject property'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 record contains a total of six equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparables #1 and #3 which lack basement finish, a feature of the subject.

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<sup>2</sup>The Board finds the best evidence of the comparables' garage sizes were the property record cards presented by the board of review.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the appellant's comparable #2 as well as the board of review comparables. These comparables are more similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, age, and other features. These comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$249,420 to \$293,980 or from \$66.81 to \$71.91 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$279,480 or \$70.84 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables 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 appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence 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



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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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