



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

APPELLANT: Tom Fitzgerald
DOCKET NO.: 23-53797.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 18-19-204-017-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Tom Fitzgerald, the appellant(s), by attorney Jeremy Rosenfeld, of Robert H. Rosenfeld & Associates, LLC in Northbrook; 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: \$15,531
IMPR.: \$67,833
TOTAL: \$83,364

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 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 one-story dwelling of frame and masonry construction with 4,422 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately sixty-nine years old. Features of the home include a partial basement, central air conditioning, two and a half bathrooms and a four-car garage. The property is in Indian Head Park, Lyons Township, Cook County. The subject is classified as a class 2 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables. Each of the appellant comparables are one-story of frame, masonry or frame and masonry material. They each feature partial basements, central air conditioning and two to two and a half car garages. They range in size from 3,315 to 3,493 square feet of living area; and in improvement assessment from \$43,320

to \$53,250 or \$13.07 to \$14.00 per square feet of living area. The appellant filing is silent as to the number of bathrooms for each comparable, the comparables proximity to the subject property range from .3 to .8 miles distance. The appellant is asking for a reduction in total assessment to \$75,759.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$83,364. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$67,833 or \$15.34 per square foot of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables. The board comparables are all one-story of frame, masonry or frame and masonry materials. They all feature partial or full basements, central air conditioning and two-car garages. They range in size from 2,712 to 3,226 in square feet of living area; and in improvement assessment from \$46,705 to \$54,865 or \$17.01 to \$17.75 per square foot of living area. Three of the board comparables have two full and one-half bathroom, the fourth has three full and one half bathrooms. The board comparables are listed as in the same subarea as they relate geographically to the subject property. The board of review is seeking no change in assessment.

Conclusion of Law

The taxpayer 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 Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be *appellant's comparables one through four*. These comparables most resembled the subject property by virtue of their size, location and features. However, it is important to remember that it is the moving party, here the appellant, who has the burden of proof. The standard to be met is clear and convincing evidence. The Board cannot say that the appellant has met that burden, even in light of the poor comparables offered by the board of review. There are simply no offered properties that favorably compare to the subject property in the record. Those offered by the appellant had improvement assessments that ranged from \$13.07 to \$14.00 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$15.34 per square foot of living area falls above the range established by the best comparables in this record. However, on this record the Board finds the appellant *did not* demonstrate by 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



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: June 16, 2026



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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