



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

APPELLANT: Thomas H. Gill
DOCKET NO.: 23-55288.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 24-11-422-028-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Thomas H. Gill, the appellant, by Brian S. Maher, attorney-at-law of Weis, DuBrock, Doody & Maher 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: \$3,472
IMPR.: \$32,328
TOTAL: \$35,800

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 is improved with a two-story dwelling of frame and masonry exterior construction containing 2,256 square feet of living area. The dwelling is approximately 74 years old. Features of the property include a full basement with a recreation room, central air conditioning, 2½ bathrooms and a 2-car garage. The property has a 4,960 square foot site and located in Evergreen Park, Worth Township, Cook County. The subject is a class 2-06 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends inequity regarding the improvement assessment as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables improved with two-story dwellings of frame or frame and masonry exterior construction that range in size from 2,352 to 2,746 square feet of living area. The homes are 64 or 70 years old. Two comparables have slab foundations, one comparable has a partial

basement, and one comparable has a full basement. Each property has 2 or 2½ bathrooms and a 1-car or 2-car garage. One comparable has central air conditioning and one comparable has one fireplace. These properties have the same neighborhood code as the subject property. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$28,730 to \$30,816 or from \$11.22 to \$12.59 per square foot of living area. The appellant requested the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$27,388.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject property of \$35,800. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$32,328 or \$14.33 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 composed of class 2-06 properties improved with two-story dwellings of masonry or frame and masonry exterior construction that range in size from 2,218 to 2,496 square feet of living area. The homes are 66 to 74 years old. Three comparables have full basements with one having finished area, and one comparable has a crawl space foundation. Three comparables have central air conditioning. Three comparables have one fireplace. Each property has a 2-car garage. The comparables have two or three full bathrooms and two comparables have an additional half bathroom. The comparables have the same neighborhood code as the subject property. Their improvement assessments range from \$33,066 to \$39,792 or from \$14.23 to \$17.94 per square foot of living area.

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 Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be appellant's comparable #2 and board of review comparables #2, #3 and #4. These four comparables are most like the subject in dwelling size, foundation and features with the exception that one comparable has a partial basement, two comparables each have one fireplace, one comparable has one half less bathroom than the subject, and one comparable has one more bathroom than the subject. These four comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$28,730 to \$39,792 or from \$12.22 to \$17.94 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$32,328 or \$14.33 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record demonstrating the subject is being equitably assessed. The Board gives less weight to appellant's comparable #1 due to differences from the subject in dwelling size, foundation and the lack of central air conditioning. The Board gives less weight to appellant's comparable #3 due to the lack of central air conditioning, a feature of the subject property. The Board gives less weight to appellant's comparable #4 due to differences from the subject in foundation, the lack of central air conditioning, and smaller garage. Less weight is given to board of review comparable #1 due to differences from the subject in foundation and the lack of central air

conditioning. Based on this record, after considering the appropriate adjustments to the best comparables, 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



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:

April 21, 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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