

FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

APPELLANT: Thomas Krolicki DOCKET NO.: 24-00327.001-R-1

PARCEL NO.: 19-09-05-429-025-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Thomas Krolicki, the appellant, by attorney Brian S. Maher, of Weis, DuBrock, Doody & Maher, in Chicago, and the Will 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 **Will** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$29,041 **IMPR.:** \$157,607 **TOTAL:** \$186,648

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

Statement of Jurisdiction

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Will County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2024 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 two-story dwelling of brick exterior construction with 3,172 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2003. Features of the home include a partial basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 736 square foot garage. The property has a 14,342 square foot site and is located in Mokena, Frankfort Township, Will County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity concerning the improvement assessment as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables located in the same neighborhood code as the subject and from .1 to .4 of a mile from the subject. The comparables consist of two-story dwellings of brick exterior construction which were built from 1990 to 2005. The homes range in size from 2,129 to 3,919 square feet of living area. Each comparable has a full or partial basement, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a garage ranging in size from 462 to 729 square feet of building area. The comparables have

improvement assessments ranging from \$92,762 to \$185,878 or from \$43.57 to \$47.49 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced improvement of assessment of \$146,482 or \$46.18 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 \$186,648. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$157,607 or \$49.69 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 located in the same neighborhood code as the subject. The comparables consist of two-story dwellings of brick exterior construction which were built from 2003 to 2005. The homes range in size from 3,051 to 3,243 square feet of living area. Each comparable has a full basement, central air conditioning, and a garage ranging in size from 689 to 720 square feet of building area. Two of the comparables each have a fireplace and comparable #1 has an inground swimming pool. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$163,387 to \$172,541 or from \$51.14 to \$56.06 per square foot of living area. Based on the foregoing evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's 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 parties submitted a total of eight equity comparables to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board has given reduced weight to appellant's comparables #1, #2 and #3 as well as board of review comparable #1, which differ in dwelling size from approximately 10% to more than 32% when compared to the dwelling size of the subject or have an inground swimming pool which is not a feature of the subject property.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be appellant's comparable #4 along with board of review comparables #2, #3 and #4, which are each similar to the subject in location, age, foundation type and some features. Adjustments to the best comparables are necessary to make them more equivalent to the subject for differences such as basement size, lack of fireplace amenity, and/or garage size in order to make the comparables more equivalent to the subject. These comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$151,638 to \$172,541 or from \$46.26 to \$56.06 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$157,607 or \$49.69 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record both in terms of overall improvement assessment and on a per-square-foot basis.

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

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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:	October 21, 2025	
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	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 <u>PETITION AND EVIDENCE</u> 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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