



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

APPELLANT: Heather Kladis
DOCKET NO.: 24-01066.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 11-04-13-209-018-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Heather Kladis, the appellant, by attorney Kristin Kladis, of Kladis Law, PC 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 **A Reduction** 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: \$26,939
IMPR.: \$54,185
TOTAL: \$81,124

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 1-story dwelling of frame exterior construction with 1,014 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 1960 and is approximately 64 years old. Features of the home include a basement and a 440 square foot garage. The property has a 7,500 square foot site and is located in Lockport, Lockport Township, Will 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 four equity comparables located within the same assessment neighborhood code. The comparables are improved with 1-story homes of frame exterior construction ranging in size from 988 to 1,308 square feet of living area. The dwellings are 64 or 65 years old. Three homes have a basement. Comparable #2 has central air conditioning and a fireplace. Three comparables each have a 440 or a 616 square foot garage. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$46,034 to \$65,454 or from \$44.42 to \$50.92 per square foot of living area. Based on this

evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment to \$49,879.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$81,692. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$54,753 or \$54.00 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on nine equity comparables located within the same assessment neighborhood as the subject. The comparables are improved with 1-story homes of frame exterior construction with 988 or 1,014 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 1960 to 1962. Each home has a basement and a garage ranging in size from 440 to 572 square feet of building area. Five homes have central air conditioning. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$53,800 to \$54,185 or from \$53.44 to \$54.84 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 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 met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The record contains a total of thirteen equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board gives less weight to the appellant's comparable #1, which lacks a garage that is a feature of the subject, and the appellant's comparables #2 and #4, which are substantially larger homes than the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be the appellant's comparable #3 and the board of review's comparables, which are more similar to the subject in dwelling size, age, location, and most features. These comparables have improvement assessments that range from \$46,034 to \$54,185 or from \$46.59 to \$54.84 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$54,753 or \$54.00 per square foot of living area falls above the range established by the best comparables in terms of total improvement assessment and within the range on a per square foot basis. The two most similar comparables, the board of review's comparables #1 and #2, are identical to the subject in dwelling size and garage size and have improvement assessments of \$54,185 or \$53.44 per square foot of living area, which fall below the subject's assessment. Based on this record and after considering appropriate adjustments to the best comparables for differences from 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: _____

October 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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