



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

APPELLANT: Laura Getautas Trotz
DOCKET NO.: 24-04212.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 08-18-119-014

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Laura Getautas Trotz, the appellant, by attorney David Kieta, of Kieta Law LLC, in Winfield, 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: \$137,806
IMPR.: \$185,809
TOTAL: \$323,615

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 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 part two-story and part one-story dwelling of brick exterior construction with 2,915 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2004 and is approximately 20 years old. Features of the home include a basement with 751 square feet of finished area, 3 bathrooms, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a 598 square foot garage. The property has an 11,179 square foot site and is located in Naperville, Lisle Township, DuPage County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity concerning the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted information on three equity comparables located in the same neighborhood code and within .06 of a mile from the subject. The board of review submitted a corrected grid analysis of the appellant's comparable properties along with property record cards in support providing missing and corrected data as to story

height, exterior construction, fireplace, and air conditioning features. Based on the additional data, the comparables consist of one 2-story, one 2.5-story and one part 2-story and part 1-story dwellings of frame exterior construction which range in age from 13 to 22 years old. The homes range in size from 2,976 to 4,909 square feet of living area. Each home has a basement, two of which have finished areas of 760 and 1,550 square feet. The homes have 3½ or 5½ bathrooms, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces, and a garage ranging in size from 464 to 914 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$187,036 to \$288,202 or from \$58.71 to \$62.85 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced improvement assessment of \$177,173 or \$60.78 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 \$323,615. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$185,809 or \$63.74 per square foot of living area.

As to the appellant's comparables, the board of review noted that appellant's comparable #1 is 1,994 square feet larger than the subject dwelling.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment, the board of review submitted information on five comparables, four of which are located in the same neighborhood code as the subject and within .19 of a mile from the subject. The comparables consist of two-story dwellings of brick or frame exterior construction which are 10 to 25 years old. The homes range in size from 2,714 to 3,328 square feet of living area. Each home has a basement, four of which have finished areas ranging from 600 to 1,295 square feet. Features include 3½ or 4½ bathrooms, central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces, and a garage ranging in size from 460 to 760 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$188,208 to \$267,285 or from \$69.35 to \$80.31 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 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 in support of their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board has given reduced weight to appellant's comparable #1 as well as board of review comparables #4 and #5, due to differences in location age, and/or dwelling size, when compared to the subject.

The Board finds the best evidence of assessment equity to be appellant's comparables #2 and #3 along with board of review comparables #1 and #2, which are each similar to the subject in

location, age, dwelling size, and some features. These comparables range in dwelling size from 2,714 to 3,297 square feet of living area and bracket the subject dwelling of 2,915 square feet. These comparables also necessitate downward adjustments for differences in finished basement area and bathroom count as each of the best comparables have more finished basement area and more bathrooms than the subject. Additional adjustments are necessary for differences in fireplace count and garage size when compared to the subject. These four best comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$187,036 to \$219,052 or from \$60.78 to \$71.54 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$185,809 or \$63.74 per square foot of living area falls below the range established by the best comparables in terms of overall improvement assessment and falls within the range on a per-square-foot of living area basis.

The constitutional provision for uniformity of taxation and valuation does not require mathematical equality. The requirement is satisfied if the intent is evident to adjust the taxation burden with a reasonable degree of uniformity and if such is the effect of the statute enacted by the General Assembly establishing the method of assessing real property in its general operation. A practical uniformity, rather than an absolute one, is the test. Apex Motor Fuel Co. v. Barrett, 20 Ill. 2d 395 (1960). Although the comparables presented by the parties disclosed that properties located in the same area are not assessed at identical levels, all that the constitution requires is a practical uniformity which appears to exist on the basis of the evidence.

Based on this record and after considering appropriate adjustments to the best comparables for differences when compared to 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



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: _____

December 23, 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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