



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

APPELLANT: Stephen Clark  
DOCKET NO.: 24-04578.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 09-11-410-023

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Stephen Clark, the appellant, by Jessica Hill-Magiera, Attorney at Law in Lake Zurich; 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:** \$117,809  
**IMPR.:** \$376,324  
**TOTAL:** \$494,133

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 two-story dwelling of brick exterior construction with 3,377 square feet of living area.<sup>1</sup> The dwelling was constructed in 1999. Features of the home include a basement with finished area, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and a 620 square foot garage. The property has a 10,751 square foot site and is located in Hinsdale, Downers Grove Township, DuPage County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity with regard to the improvement as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables located in the subject's assessment neighborhood and within .28 of a mile of the subject. The comparables consist of two-story dwellings of vinyl/wood siding exterior construction ranging in size from 3,283 to 3,674 square feet of living area. The homes were built

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<sup>1</sup> The Board finds the property record card submitted by the board of review to be the best evidence in record of the subject's dwelling size and features.

from 1990 to 1998. Each dwelling has central air conditioning, one or two fireplaces, a basement, and a garage ranging in size from 562 to 618 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$303,311 to \$355,537 or from \$82.56 to \$99.26 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduced improvement assessment of \$331,615 or \$98.20 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 \$494,133. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$376,324 or \$111.44 per square foot of living area.

In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on three equity comparables located within the subject's assessment neighborhood and within .53 of a mile of the subject. The comparables consist of two-story dwellings of brick or frame exterior construction ranging in size from 3,428 to 3,572 square feet of living area. The homes were built from 1996 to 1998. Each dwelling has central air conditioning, a basement with finished area, and a garage ranging in size from 548 to 660 square feet of building area. Two comparables each have one or two fireplaces. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$377,477 to \$408,948 or from \$110.12 to \$114.74 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

In rebuttal, the appellant argued that the board of review's comparables #2 and #3 differ from the subject in bathroom count and should therefore receive less weight in the Board's analysis.

### **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 seven equity comparables to support their respective positions before the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board finds the parties' comparables are similar to the subject in age, location, dwelling size, and features. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$303,311 to \$408,948 or from \$82.56 to \$114.74 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$376,324 or \$111.44 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the comparables in this record. Based on this record and after considering adjustments to the comparables for differences from 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



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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