



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

APPELLANT: Daniel McGrath  
DOCKET NO.: 16-04422.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 14-04-302-019

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Daniel McGrath, the appellant, by attorney Robert Rosenfeld, of Robert H. Rosenfeld and Associates, LLC in Chicago; and the Lake 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 **Lake** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:** \$53,573  
**IMPR.:** \$204,763  
**TOTAL:** \$258,336

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Lake County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2016 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 and frame exterior construction with 4,314 square feet of living area. The dwelling was constructed in 2004. Features of the home include a full unfinished basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a 1,067 square foot attached garage. The property has a 46,150 square foot site and is located in Hawthorn Woods, Ela Township, Lake County.

The appellant contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. The subject's land assessment was not contested. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on three equity comparables that are located within .90 of a mile from the subject property. The comparables were improved with two-story dwellings of brick or frame exterior construction that range in size from 4,155 to 4,474 square feet of living area. The dwellings were constructed from 1995 to 2004. Each comparable has an unfinished basement, central air conditioning, one

or two fireplaces and an attached garage ranging in size from 744 to 814 square feet of building area. The comparables improvement assessments range from \$179,412 to \$199,156 or from \$42.59 to \$44.54 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$258,336. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$204,763 or \$47.46 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 within .40 of a mile from the subject property. These comparables were improved with two-story dwellings of brick or brick and frame exterior construction that range in size from 4,119 to 4,611 square feet of living area. The dwellings were built from 2001 to 2006. Each comparable has a full or partial unfinished basement, one of which is a walk-out basement. The comparables each have central air conditioning, one to three fireplaces and an attached garage ranging in size from 734 to 924 square feet of building area. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$194,465 to \$225,830 or from \$47.21 to \$51.53 per square feet of living area. Based on the evidence provided, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

### **Conclusion of Law**

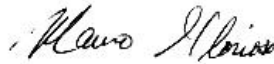
The taxpayer contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. When unequal treatment in the assessment process is the basis of the appeal, the inequity of the assessments must be proved by clear and convincing evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of unequal treatment in the assessment 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 no reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The parties submitted seven suggested equity comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board finds all the comparables were similar to the subject in location, dwelling size, age and design with varying degrees of similarity in their features when compared to the subject. These comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$179,412 to \$225,830 or from \$42.59 to \$51.53 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$204,763 or \$47.46 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the comparables in this record.

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 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 exists on the basis of the evidence presented.

Based on this record the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed and no 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



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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: February 13, 2019



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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