

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Charles Linkenheld, Jr.  
DOCKET NO.: 04-25413.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 07-29-407-047-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Charles Linkenheld, Jr., the appellant, by attorney Julie Realmuto of McCarthy & Duffy, Chicago, Illinois; and the Cook County Board of Review.

The subject property is improved with a 37-year old, one-story style dwelling of frame and masonry construction containing 1,723 square feet of living area with central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a two-car attached garage.

The appellant's appeal is based on unequal treatment in the assessment process. In support of this argument the appellant submitted copies of photographs and assessment information on six comparable properties. The photographs depict the subject as being a raised ranch style dwelling while the comparables are depicted as one-story homes. The first four comparables were described as one-story frame or fame and masonry dwellings that are from 36 to 42 years old. Two of the comparables have central air conditioning and three have fireplaces. The appellant provided limited information on the two remaining comparables such as property index number, classification code, neighborhood code, assessments, living are and building assessment per square foot. The six comparables ranged in size from 1,498 to 1,797 square feet and had improvement assessments ranging from \$10.37 to \$10.89 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment is \$12.97 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" wherein the subject's final assessment was disclosed. The board of review presented descriptions and assessment information on four comparable properties consisting of one-story frame and masonry dwellings that range in age from 34 to 38 years old. The dwellings have the same classification and neighborhood

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Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds no change in the assessment of the property as established by the Cook County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND:	\$	5,606
IMPR.:	\$	22,354
TOTAL:	\$	27,960

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

codes as the subject property. The dwellings range in size from 1,210 to 1,692 square feet of living area. Three of the comparables have basements, three comparables have central air conditioning, two comparables have fireplaces and each has either a one or two-car garage. These properties have improvement assessments ranging from \$13.20 to \$15.14 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

After reviewing the record and considering the evidence, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal. The Board further finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The appellant contends unequal treatment in the subject's improvement assessment as the basis of the appeal. Taxpayers who object to an assessment on the basis of lack of uniformity bear the burden of proving the disparity of assessment valuations by clear and convincing evidence. Kankakee County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 131 Ill.2d 1 (1989). After an analysis of the assessment data, the Board finds the appellant has not met this burden.

The Board finds the comparables 1, 2, 3 and 5 submitted by the appellant and comparable 1 submitted by the board of review were most similar to the subject in size. Due to their similarities to the subject, these comparables received the most weight in the Board's analysis. These comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$10.37 to \$13.30 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$12.97 per square foot of living area is within this range. After considering adjustments and the differences in both parties' comparables when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's improvement assessment is equitable and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

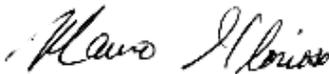
This is a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board which is subject to review in the Circuit Court or Appellate Court under the provisions of the Administrative Review Law (735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.) and section 16-195 of the Property Tax Code.



Chairman



Member



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DISSENTING: \_\_\_\_\_

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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 20, 2009



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 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 the subsequent year 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.

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.