

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Vilas Khandeparker
DOCKET NO.: 04-28589.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 18-19-103-028-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Vilas Khandeparker, the appellant, by attorney Edward Larkin of Park Ridge, Illinois; and the Cook County Board of Review.

The subject property is improved with a 13-year old, two-story dwelling of frame and masonry exterior construction containing 5,790 square feet of living area. Features of the dwelling include a partial unfinished basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a 3-car attached garage.

The appellant's appeal is based on unequal treatment in the assessment process. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on three comparable properties described as two-story masonry or frame and masonry dwellings that range in age from 6 to 16 years old for consideration. The comparables range in size from 5,351 to 6,518 square feet of living area. The appellant indicated that each of the comparables has a full basement, each comparable has central air conditioning, two comparables have either 2 or 3 fireplaces and the comparables have either a 3 or 4-car garage. The comparables have total assessments that range from \$86,999 to \$136,173 and improvement assessments that range from \$59,828 to \$77,325 or from \$9.17 to \$14.45 per square foot of living area. The subject has a total assessment of \$107,691 and an improvement assessment of \$86,035 or \$14.86 per square foot of living area. The appellant argued the subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$11.90 per square foot of living area and its total assessment should not exceed \$90,557.

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 three comparable properties consisting of two-story frame and masonry dwellings that range in age from 1 to 16 years old. The comparable dwellings ranged in size from 5,353 to

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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: \$ 21,656
IMPR.: \$ 86,035
TOTAL: \$ 107,691

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

6,127 square feet of living area. Each comparable has either a full or partial basement, each of the comparables has central air conditioning, each comparable has two or three fireplaces and each comparable has a 3-car attached garage. These properties have total assessments ranging from \$115,779 to \$142,041 and improvement assessments ranging from \$90,151 to \$117,452 or from \$16.84 to \$21.15 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's counsel argued that two of the board of review's comparables are located in a superior sub area than the subject and two of the comparables are deluxe construction unlike the subject's average construction.

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 comparable 2 submitted by the appellant and comparables 1 and 3 submitted by the board of review are most similar to the subject in age, size and exterior construction. These three comparables range in size from 5,351 to 5,363 square feet of living area and range in age from 10 to 16 years old. Due to their similarities to the subject, these comparables received the most weight in the Board's analysis. These comparables had improvement assessments ranging from \$77,325 to \$113,412 or from \$14.45 to \$21.15 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$14.86 per square foot of living area is within the range and supported by these most similar comparables.

The constitutional provision for uniformity of taxation and valuation does not require mathematical equality. 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.

In conclusion, 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.



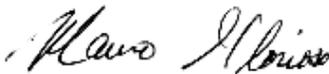
Chairman



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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: March 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.