

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Robert Garber  
DOCKET NO.: 05-24076.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 05-07-303-020

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board (hereinafter PTAB) are Robert Garber, the appellant, by Attorney Julie Realmuto with the law firm of McCarthy & Duffy in Chicago; and the Cook County Board of Review.

The subject property contains a 11,163 square foot parcel improved with a 97-year old, two-story, stucco dwelling containing 2,963 square feet of living area. Amenities include: two full and one half-baths, a full basement, one fireplace and a one-car garage.

The appellant's appeal is based on unequal treatment in the assessment process. The appellant submitted limited information on four comparable properties for consideration. They are improved with a two-story, frame or stucco dwelling. They range: in baths from three to four; in age from 77 to 104 years; in size from 2,538 to 3,042 square feet of living area; and in improvement assessments from \$10.40 to \$16.95 per square foot of living area. Amenities include basement area and one fireplace. The subject's improvement assessment is \$22.53 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 for consideration. They are improved with a two-story, frame, stucco or masonry dwelling. They range: in baths from three to six; in age from 78 to 100 years; in size from 2,411 to 4,252 square feet of living area; and in improvement assessments from \$22.98 to \$27.36 per square foot of living area. Amenities include a basement, one to two fireplaces, and garage area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

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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:	\$	20,986
IMPR.:	\$	66,754
TOTAL:	\$	87,740

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

PTAB/KPP

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 PTAB further finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

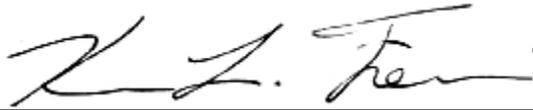
The appellant contends unequal treatment in the subject's improvement assessment as the basis of the appeal. Taxpayers who object to an assessment on the basis of lack of uniformity bear the burden of proving the disparity of assessment valuations by clear and convincing evidence. Kankakee County Board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

The PTAB finds the comparables #3 and #4 submitted by the appellant and comparables #2 and #3 submitted by the board of review are most similar to the subject in style, size, age and amenities. Due to their similarities to the subject, these comparables received the most weight in the PTAB's analysis. These comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$16.49 to \$27.36 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$22.53 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 PTAB finds the subject's per square foot improvement assessment is supported 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.

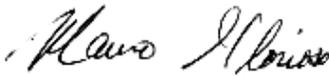
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DISSENTING: \_\_\_\_\_

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: May 27, 2009



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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.