



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

APPELLANT: Mary Jane Kirkby
DOCKET NO.: 06-26959.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 06-34-411-039-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Mary Jane Kirkby, the appellant(s), by attorney Dennis M. Nolan, of Dennis M. Nolan, P.C. in Bartlett; and the Cook County Board of Review.

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: \$ 6,845
IMPR.: \$ 46,124
TOTAL: \$ 52,969

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property consists of an 11,410 square foot parcel improved with a four-year-old, two-story, single-family dwelling of masonry construction located in Hanover Township, Cook County. Features of the residence include two and one-half bathrooms, a full-unfinished basement, central air-conditioning, a fireplace and a two-car attached garage. The appellant's petition suggests the subject dwelling contains 3,354 square feet of living area, while the board of review's documents indicate the subject contains 4,219 square feet. In support of this claim, the appellant submitted a site plan for a two-story single-family house disclosing a minimum floor area of 3,234 square feet. The appellant also submitted a copy of a building permit application from the Village of Bartlett indicating a proposed living area of 3,354 square feet.

In addition, the appellant submitted evidence before the Property Tax Appeal Board claiming unequal treatment in the assessment process. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted one

page of Property Search Results from the Cook County Assessor's Office. The Property Search Results highlighted sixteen properties and included the address, property index number, classification code, neighborhood code, city and total assessed value for each property. Based on the evidence submitted, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's final total assessment of \$52,969 was disclosed. In support of the assessment the board submitted property characteristic printouts and descriptive data on three properties suggested as comparable to the subject. The suggested comparables are improved with two-story, four-year-old, single-family dwellings of frame construction with the same neighborhood code as the subject. The improvements range in size from 3,936 to 4,070 square feet of living area. The comparables contain two and one-half bathrooms, a full-finished basement, central air-conditioning, a fireplace and a three-car attached garage. The improvement assessments range from \$11.36 to \$11.80 per square foot of living area. Based on the evidence presented, 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 appellant's argument was unequal treatment in the assessment process. The Illinois Supreme Court has held that 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). The evidence must demonstrate a consistent pattern of assessment inequities within the assessment jurisdiction. After an analysis of the assessment data, the Board finds the appellant has not overcome this burden.

The first issue before the Board is the correct square footage attributable to the subject improvement. The Board finds that the appellant failed to substantiate the claim that the subject's square footage is different than the public record presented by the board of review. The Board gives little weight to the appellant's site plan evidence in that it is a plan or proposal and not a survey of a finished building. In addition, the site plan does not disclose the dimensions associated with the subject dwelling. Consequently, the Board finds the subject contains 4,219 square feet of living area. The subject's improvement assessment is \$46,124 or \$10.93 per square foot of living area, based on 4,219 square feet.

Next, the Board finds the board of review's comparables to be the most similar properties to the subject in the record. These three properties are similar to the subject in improvement size, amenities, age, design and location and have improvement assessments ranging from \$11.36 to \$11.80 per square foot of living area. The subject's per square foot improvement assessment of \$10.93 falls below the range established by these properties.

The Board finds the appellant's suggested comparables do not provide any support for a reduction in the subject's assessment. The only information provided with regard to the appellant's comparables was the address, property index number, classification code, neighborhood code, city and total assessed value for each property. Without adequate descriptions of the properties, the Board finds it is impossible to evaluate their comparability to the subject.

As a result of this analysis, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds the appellant has failed to adequately demonstrate that the subject property was inequitably assessed by clear and convincing evidence and no reduction is 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: October 22, 2010

Allen Castrovillari

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.