



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

APPELLANT: John & Cindy Tompkins  
DOCKET NO.: 07-04428.001-R-1 through 07-04428.003-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: See Below

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are John & Cindy Tompkins, the appellants, by attorney James E. Tuneberg of Guyer & Enichen, of Rockford; and the Boone County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds a reduction in the assessment of the property as established by the Boone County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

DOCKET NO	PARCEL NUMBER	LAND	IMPRVMT	TOTAL
07-04428.001-R-1	05-05-476-004	54,362	237,305	\$291,375
07-04428.002-R-1	05-05-476-003	43,309	0	\$43,309
07-04428.003-R-1	05-05-428-006	32,092	0	\$32,092

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**ANALYSIS**

The subject property consists of an residential property located in Boone County, Illinois.

The appellants submitted evidence before the Property Tax Appeal Board claiming the subject's assessment was not reflective of its fair market value. In support of this claim, the appellants submitted an appraisal report wherein the subject property was estimated to have a fair market value of \$875,000 as of January 1, 2007. However, the appraisal report valued only the improved parcel (05-05-476-004) that is the subject matter of this appeal. The appellants also submitted the final decision(s) regarding the subject property issued by the Boone County Board of Review wherein the subject parcels' final assessments were disclosed. The improved parcel had a total assessment of \$358,078, which reflects an estimated market value of \$1,075,336 using Boone

County's 2007 three-year median level of assessments of 33.30%. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessed valuation.

The board of review did not timely submit its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" or evidence in support of its assessed valuation of the subject property by the established as required by Section 1910.40(a) of the Official Rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board. (86 Ill.Adm.Code §1910.40(a)). Therefore, the Property Tax Appeal Board found the board of review to be in default.

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 Property Tax Appeal Board further finds a reduction in the assessment of the subject property is warranted.

The appellants contend the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessment. When market value is the basis of the appeal the value of the property must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. National City Bank of Michigan/Illinois v. Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board, 331 Ill.App.3d 1038 (3<sup>rd</sup> Dist. 2002). The Board finds the appellants have met this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The appellants argued the subject's assessment was not reflective of its fair market value based on an appraisal report, wherein the subject property was estimated to have a fair market value of \$875,000 as of January 1, 2007. However, the appraisal report valued only the improved parcel (05-05-476-004) that is the subject matter of this appeal. The improved parcel's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$1,075,336, which is considerably higher than the appraisal submitted by the appellants. Therefore, a reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted. Since fair market value has been established, Boone County's 2007 three-year median level of assessments of 33.30% shall apply.

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.

*Ronald R. Cuit*

Chairman

*K. L. Fern*

Member

*Frank A. Huff*

Member

*Mario Morris*

Member

*Shawn R. Lerbis*

Member

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: January 26, 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.