



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

APPELLANT: John Hoffmeister
DOCKET NO.: 07-20830.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 28-28-103-043-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are John Hoffmeister, the appellant, by attorney Brian S. Maher, of Weis, DuBrock & Doody in Chicago; 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: \$11,344
IMPR.: \$0
TOTAL: \$11,344

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property is a 17,189 square foot parcel with no improvements on W. Kathleen Court in Oak Forest.

The appellant's appeal is based on unequal treatment in the assessment process. The appellant submitted information on four comparable properties with no improvements described as a 10,890 square foot parcel at 13735 Thackeray, a 32,103 square foot parcel at 4851 171st Street, a 31,885 square foot parcel at 17306 Cicero Avenue, and a 165,528 square foot parcel at 17441 64th Court. These comparables have land assessments ranging from \$0.50 to \$1.50 per square foot. The subject's land assessment is \$3.00 per square foot. 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 seven comparable properties with no improvements described as a 0.50 acre parcel on 183rd Street in County Club Hills, a 0.62 acre parcel at 4727 W 186th Place, a 0.22 acre parcel at 14511 Lamon Avenue, a 0.26 acre parcel at 17210 Oak Park Avenue, a 0.13 acre parcel at 18123 Riegel Road, a 0.13 acre

parcel at 14634 S. Sherman, and a 0.21 acre parcel on Spyglass Cor. These properties have land assessments ranging from \$0.63 to \$4.24 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 comparable #1 submitted by the appellant and comparables #1, #3, #4 and #7 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 land assessments that ranged from \$0.50 to \$4.24 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$3.00 per square foot of land area is within the range established by the most similar comparables. The Board finds the subject's land assessment is equitable and a reduction in the subject's land 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: March 18, 2011

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.