



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

APPELLANT: Mark Weigel
DOCKET NO.: 08-22273.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 24-31-403-002-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Mark Weigel, the appellant, by attorney James A. Hullihan of Thomas M. Tully & Associates 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: \$13,945
IMPR.: \$72,644
TOTAL: \$86,589

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property is improved with a two-story dwelling of frame and masonry construction containing 3,974 square feet of living area. The dwelling is 7 years old. Features of the home include a full finished basement, central air conditioning, two fireplaces and a three-car attached garage.

The appellant's appeal is based on unequal treatment in the assessment process. The appellant submitted information on three comparable properties described as two-story masonry dwellings that were either 9 or 10 years old. The comparable dwellings range in size from 4,277 to 4,848 square feet of living area. Features include partial or full basements and three-car attached garages. Two of the comparables had recreation rooms in the basement and two of the comparables had central air conditioning. Fireplaces ranged from 1 to 3. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$71,143 to \$87,498 or from \$16.63 to \$18.05 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment is \$72,644 or \$18.28 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment to \$69,307.

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 consisting of two-story frame and masonry dwellings that were either 7 or 9 years old. The dwellings range in size from 4,096 to 4,496 square feet of living area. Features include partial or full basements, central air conditioning and three-car garages. One comparable has a recreation room in the basement. Three comparables have two fireplaces and one has a single fireplace. These properties have improvement assessments ranging from \$76,308 to \$83,332 or from \$18.53 to \$19.25 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 parties to the appeal submitted a total of seven comparables for the Board's consideration. The Board finds the comparables submitted by the board of review were most similar to the subject in size, exterior construction, features and age. Due to their similarities to the subject, these comparables received the most weight in the Board's analysis. These comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$18.53 to \$19.25 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$18.28 per square foot of living area is below the range established by the most similar comparables. The Board further finds that diminished weight should be given appellant's comparable #3. This property is 874 more square feet larger in living area than the subject and lacks a recreation room and central air conditioning that the subject enjoys. Appellant's comparables 1 and 2 are larger than the subject and comparable 1 has only one fireplace. Both of these comparables should have per square foot assessments lower than that of the subject. 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.

Donald R. Cuit

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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: June 21, 2013

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.