



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

APPELLANT: Kevin Coogan
DOCKET NO.: 10-03290.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 03-08-104-006

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Kevin Coogan, the appellant, by attorney Lisa A. Marino of Marino & Assoc., PC, Chicago; and the DuPage 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 DuPage County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$ 61,920
IMPR.: \$ 29,520
TOTAL: \$ 91,440

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property consists of a one-story brick and frame dwelling containing 884 square feet of living area that is 60 years old. Features include a full basement, a fireplace and a 440 square foot garage. The subject property is located in Addison Township, DuPage County.

The appellant submitted evidence before the Property Tax Appeal Board claiming assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument, the appellant submitted photographs and an assessment analysis of three suggested comparables located in close proximity to the subject. The comparables consist of one-story dwellings of brick or frame exterior construction that are from 54 to 63 years old. Two comparables has a full unfinished basement and one comparable does not have a basement. One comparable has a fireplace and all the comparables have garages that range in size from 280 to 576 square feet. The dwellings range in size from 1,093 to 1,152 square feet of living area and have improvement assessments ranging from \$28,320 to \$34,160 or from \$25.91 to \$29.65 per square foot of living area.

The appellant also submitted the DuPage County Board of Review final decision regarding the subject property. The subject property has a total assessment of \$91,440. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$29,520 or \$33.39 per square foot of living area. 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 any evidence in support of its assessed valuation of the subject property as required by section 1910.40(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board. (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.40(a)). By letter dated September 14, 2012, the DuPage County Board of Review was found to be in default pursuant to section 1910.69(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board. (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.69(a)).

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 no reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The appellant argued assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. 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 failed to overcome this burden by clear and convincing evidence.

The record contains three suggested assessment comparables submitted by the appellant for the Board's consideration. The Board finds the comparables are smaller in dwelling size and one comparable does not have a basement, dissimilar to the subject. They have improvement assessments ranging from \$28,320 to \$34,160. The subject's improvement assessment of \$29,520 is considerably is supported by the assessment comparables. Using a unit of comparison, the comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$25.91 to \$29.65 per square foot of living area. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$33.39 per square foot of living area, which is slightly higher than the comparables. Accepted real estate valuation theory provides, all other factors being equal, as the size of a property increases, its per unit value decreases. Likewise, as the size of a property decreases, its per unit value increases. Based on this analysis, the Board finds the subject's higher per square foot improvement assessment is well justified given its smaller size. Therefore, no reduction in the subject's improvement assessment is warranted.

The constitutional provision for uniformity of taxation and valuation does not require mathematical equality. A practical uniformity, rather than an absolute one, is the test. Apex Motor

Fuel Co. v. Barrett, 20 Ill.2d 395 (1960). Although the comparables presented by the parties disclosed that properties located in the same area are not assessed at identical levels, all that the constitution requires is a practical uniformity which appears to exist on the basis of the evidence. The Board finds that the appellants have not proven by clear and convincing evidence that the subject's land was inequitably assessed. Therefore, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that the subject's assessment as established by the board of review is correct 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.



Chairman



Member



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Member



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: April 19, 2013



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.