



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

APPELLANT: Sachin Waikar  
DOCKET NO.: 10-22325.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 10-12-418-004-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Sachin Waikar, the appellant, by attorney Christopher G. Walsh, Jr. 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: \$7,976**  
**IMPR: \$37,172**  
**TOTAL: \$45,148**

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**Statement of Jurisdiction**

The appellant timely filed the appeal from a decision of the Cook County Board of Review pursuant to section 16-160 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/16-160) challenging the assessment for the 2010 tax year. The Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of the appeal.

**Findings of Fact**

The subject property consists of a 1.5-story dwelling of stucco construction with 1,516 square feet of living area. The dwelling was 90 years old. Features of the home include a full basement with a finished recreation room, an attic with partial living area, central air conditioning, a fireplace and a 1.5-car detached garage. The property has a 6,020 square foot site and is located in Evanston, Evanston Township, Cook County. The

subject is classified as a class 2-03 property under the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance.

The appellant contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. In support of this argument the appellant submitted information on four equity comparables.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" disclosing the total assessment for the subject of \$50,315<sup>1</sup>. The subject property has an improvement assessment of \$37,172 or \$24.52 per square foot of living area. In support of its contention of the correct assessment the board of review submitted information on four equity comparables.

### Conclusion of Law

The taxpayer contends assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. When unequal treatment in the assessment process is the basis of the appeal, the inequity of the assessments must be proved by clear and convincing evidence. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.63(e). Proof of unequal treatment in the assessment process should consist of documentation of the assessments for the assessment year in question of not less than three comparable properties showing the similarity, proximity and lack of distinguishing characteristics of the assessment comparables to the subject property. 86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(b). The Board finds the appellant did not meet this burden of proof and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The parties to the appeal submitted a total of eight comparable properties into the record for the Board's consideration. The Board's finds that neither party's comparables are particularly similar when compared to the subject property in location, age, style, size or features. Three of the board of review's comparables are located in a different assessor neighborhood than the subject property and three of the appellant's comparables are considerably older than the subject property. The remaining two comparables have varying degrees of similarity to the subject property when compared to the subject in size, style and features. These comparables had improvement assessments of \$20.88 and \$27.46 per square foot of living area,

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<sup>1</sup> The "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" submitted by the board of review indicated the total assessment for the subject of \$50,315. This was the assessment prior to board of review action. The appellant submitted a copy of the board of review's final notice for the subject, indicating the board had reduced to the subject's assessment to \$45,148.

respectively. The subject's improvement assessment of \$24.52 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the comparables in this record. After analysis and considering adjustments and the differences in each party's comparables, the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement was inequitably assessed. Therefore, the Board finds that a reduction in the subject's assessment is not justified.

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



Member



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: May 21, 2014



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.