



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

APPELLANT: Andrew Pluta  
DOCKET NO.: 10-29000.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 05-21-414-033-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Andrew Pluta, 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:** \$12,069  
**IMPR.:** \$40,194  
**TOTAL:** \$52,263

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**ANALYSIS**

The subject property is improved with a two-story dwelling of stucco construction containing 1,740 square feet of living area. The dwelling was 89 years old. Features of the home include a partial unfinished basement and a two-car detached garage. The property has a 6,705 square foot site and is located in Winnetka, New Trier Township, Cook County.

The appellant's appeal is based on assessment equity. The appellant submitted information on four comparable properties described as two-story dwellings of frame construction that ranged in size from 1,600 to 1,798 square feet of living area. The dwellings ranged in age from 87 to 132 years old. Each comparable has the same neighborhood code as the subject property. Features of the comparables include a full or partial unfinished basement and one or two-car detached garages. One comparable has central air conditioning and three comparables have a fireplace. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$22,853 to \$41,372 or from \$13.16 to \$23.01 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement

assessment is \$40,194 or \$23.10 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment to \$35,339 or \$20.31 per square foot of living area.

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 improved with two-story dwellings of stucco construction that range in size from 1,668 to 1,790 square feet of living area. The dwellings ranged in age from 88 to 94 years old. Each has the same neighborhood code as the subject property with one comparable located on the subject's street. Features of the comparables include a full or partial unfinished basement and a fireplace. One comparable has central air conditioning and a 2-car garage. One comparable has a 1-car garage and one comparable has a 2.5-car garage. These properties have improvement assessments ranging from \$41,216 to \$44,551 or from \$24.36 to \$25.04 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 assessments by clear and convincing evidence. Kankakee County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 131 Ill.2d 1 (1989); 86 Ill.Admin.Code 1910.63(e). 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 has not met this burden.

The parties to the appeal submitted a total of eight comparable properties into the record for the Board's consideration. The Board gave reduced weight in its final analysis to appellant's comparable #3 due primarily to the significant disparity in age when compared to the subject property. The Board finds the remaining seven comparables are all relatively similar to the subject in location, size, style, exterior construction, features and age. These comparables had improvement assessments

that ranged from \$13.16 to \$25.04 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$23.10 per square foot of living area falls within the range established by the best comparables in this record. Based on this record the Board finds the appellant did not demonstrate with clear and convincing evidence that the subject's improvement assessment was inequitable. 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.



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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: April 18, 2014



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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.