



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

APPELLANT: Blue Chip Properties, Inc.  
DOCKET NO.: 12-00071.001-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 19-2-08-22-17-307-005

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Blue Chip Properties, Inc., the appellant, by attorney Steven T. Stanton of the Law Offices of Steven T. Stanton, Maryville; and the Madison 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 **Madison** County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND:** \$4,080  
**IMPR.:** \$11,510  
**TOTAL:** \$15,590

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

**ANALYSIS**

The subject property consists of a one-story frame dwelling containing 728 square feet of living area. The dwelling was built in 1930. Features include an unfinished basement and central air conditioning. The subject dwelling is situated on a 4,800 square foot lot.

The appellant submitted evidence before the Property Tax Appeal Board claiming overvaluation as the basis of the appeal. In support of this claim, the appellant submitted three suggested comparable sales located from .49 to .65 of a mile from the subject. The comparables consist of one-story frame dwellings that are from 57 to 89 years old. The comparables have full or partial unfinished basements, three comparables have central air conditioning and two comparables have garages that contain 336

and 352 square feet, respectively. The dwellings range in size from 728 to 759 square feet of living area and are situated on lots that range in size from 6,000 to 8,100 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from November 2011 to March 2012 for sale prices ranging from \$12,000 to \$21,550 or from \$15.81 to \$29.60 per square foot of living area including land.

The appellant also submitted a limited paired sales analysis identifying 20 properties. The properties are located in the East Alton/Wood River area. The limited analysis shows property values have declined an average of 36.1% from 1999 to 2012. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's assessment to \$5,610, which reflects an estimated market value of \$16,830 or \$23.12 per square foot of living area including land.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's final equalized assessment of \$15,590 was disclosed. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$46,775 or \$64.25 per square foot of living area including land when applying the statutory level of assessments of 33.33%.

In support of the subject's assessment, the board of review submitted three suggested comparable sales with their associated property record cards and photographs. The comparables are located in Wood River, Illinois, like the subject. One comparable is located in close proximity along the subject's street. The comparables consist of one-story frame dwellings that were built from 1923 to 1928. The comparables have unfinished basements, central air conditioning and two comparables have detached garages that contain 280 and 364 square feet, respectively. The dwellings range in size from 754 to 920 square feet of living area and are situated on lots that range in size from 4,800 to 6,000 square feet of land area. The comparables sold from August 2011 to July 2012 for sale prices ranging from \$59,900 to \$67,500 or from \$65.11 to \$88.86 per square foot of living area including land. 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 no reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The appellant contends the market value of the subject property is not accurately reflected in its assessed valuation. When market value is the basis of the appeal the value of the property must be proved by a preponderance of the evidence. National City Bank of Michigan/Illinois v. Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board, 331 Ill.App.3d 1038 (3<sup>rd</sup> Dist. 2002). Proof of market value may consist of an appraisal of the subject property, a recent sale, comparable sales or construction costs. (86 Ill.Admin.Code §1910.65(c)). The Board finds the appellant has not met this burden of proof and no reduction in the subject's assessment is warranted.

The parties submitted six suggested comparable sales for the Board's consideration. In addition, the appellant submitted a limited paired sales analysis indicating property values have declined an average of 36.1% from 1999 to 2012. The Board gave little weight to the limited paired sales analysis submitted by the appellant. While this limited analysis may show property values have declined, this evidence does not show nor establish that the subject's final 2012 assessment is not reflective of fair market value. The Board finds both parties' comparables have varying degrees of similarity when compared to the subject in location, design, age, size and features. The comparables sold from August 2011 to July 2012 for wide ranging prices from \$12,000 to \$67,500 or from \$15.81 to \$88.86 per square foot of living area including land. The subject's assessment reflects an estimated market value of \$46,775 or \$64.25 per square foot of living area including land, which falls within the range established by the most similar comparables contained in this record. After considering any necessary adjustments to the comparables for differences when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's assessed valuation is supported by a preponderance of the evidence contained in this record. Therefore, no reduction in the subject's assessment 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



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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: January 24, 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.