

**TOWN OF CLARKSON  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
August 15, 2018**

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Clarkson held their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at the Clarkson Town Hall, 3710 Lake Road, Clarkson, NY at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT-Board Members**

Paul Dittman, Chairperson  
Jim Gillette  
Harold Mundy  
Lisa Rivera-French  
Joe Perry

**Support Staff**

\*Chad Fabry, Building Department  
Susan Kelly, Building Department

\*Excused

**ALSO ATTENDING**

Tracy Kroft, Applicant

**CALL TO ORDER**

P. Dittman, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. P. Dittman read aloud the agenda.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Property Owner: Oak Orchard Community Health Center, Inc.**

**Applicant: Tracy Kroft**

**Property Address: 280 West Ave.**

**Tax ID #: 068.02-1-44.4**

**Zoning: HC**

Request for a special permit for a permanent sign pursuant to Clarkson Town Code § 140-13 A.

***§ 140-13 Signs.***

*ANo advertising sign or billboard of any description shall be erected at any place in the Town of Clarkson without a special permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals ...*

P. Dittman read aloud the Legal Notice for Public Hearing. P. Dittman referenced a letter received from Lisa Colaprete dated 8/9/18. The Zoning Board of Appeals took this document under consideration. There were no members of the public in attendance.

Motion by Paul Dittman  
Seconded by Joe Perry  
To close the Public Hearing  
Approved unanimously

T. Kroft gave an explanation of the application. Oak Orchard Community Health Center decided to replace their current sign, in part, due to complaints from the public regarding the sign lighting. The new sign would have softer lighting and should be a vast improvement. Oak Orchard Community Health Center also wanted a more up-to-date appearance.

The following items were noted:

- The skirt of the sign is not illuminated.
- The distance from the sign to the center of West Avenue is 59'2".
- The distance from the sign to the center of the access road to Fowler Funeral Home is 74'8".

**8/15/18**

The following points were discussed per Clarkson Town Code § 140-38F(1)(a-e):

- a) The sign is a replacement of an existing sign. Its placement and size are well within the zoning criteria for both. It matches the existing signage in the area.
- b) The buildings on the north of the highway include a hospital, medical buildings, and apartments and include similar signage which is needed by the general public to help locate them.
- c) The lighting in this sign is interior LED without glare and an improvement to the sign it is replacing as to prevention of glare.
- d) The sign complies with the view needs for the intersection that leads to the business.
- e) The sign does not make noise, does not cause glare, and is very similar to all of the businesses on the north side of West Avenue.

There was discussion regarding additional smaller unlit signs on the property that are being updated/replaced and whether or not these would require a Special Permit. P. Dittman will discuss with C. Fabry (Building Inspector) and provide an answer to T. Kroft.

Motion by Paul Dittman

Seconded by Lisa Rivera-French

To grant approval for a Special Permit for a permanent sign pursuant to Clarkson Town Code § 140-13A for Oak Orchard Community Health Care at 280 West Ave., per the submitted application and document showing the physical location and dimensions of the sign and a representation of the sign. Sign will be illuminated with interior LEDs and be kept in like new condition.

Approved unanimously

**MINUTES**

Motion by Lisa Rivera-French

Seconded by Joe Perry

To approve the August 1, 2018 minutes.

Approved unanimously

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by P. Dittman

Seconded by Jim Gillette

To adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Approved unanimously

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan Kelly*

Building Department

*Approved 9/5/2018*