

Lansing Township – Code references to public trees – 2015

- **CHAPTER 53. - CONTROL OF BOX ELDER TREES**

- **Section 53-1. - Unlawful to maintain female box elder tree.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain on his premises any female box elder tree which is or could be a breeding place for box elder bugs (*Leptocoris trivittas*), and any female box elder tree which is or could be a breeding place for box elder bugs shall constitute a nuisance.

- **Section 53-2. - Limitation on liability.**

No one shall be in violation of this chapter unless he shall have failed to comply with the notice specified in [chapter 15, section 15-1](#), within ten days of the receipt thereof.

- **Section 53-3. - Inspection.**

The township building inspector is hereby authorized to enter upon private property, make inspections of the trees and remove specimens for analysis if he deems it necessary.

- **Section 53-4. - Removal of tree.**

If the tree is not removed in accordance with the notice specified in [chapter 15, section 15-1](#), the township building inspector shall report the failure to remove the tree to the board of trustees of the Charter Township of Lansing, and this board shall cause said tree to be removed without further notice, and the cost of cutting and removing the tree shall be assessed on the next tax roll.

- **Section 53-5. - Trees on public property.**

Female box elder trees located on public property within the limits of the Charter Township of Lansing are to be inspected by the building inspector, and he is to make his recommendation to the board of trustees for said township concerning the removal of said trees, and with the approval of the township board, the trees may be removed at township expense.

CHAPTER 93. - SUBDIVISION DESIGN STANDARDS

- **Section 93-7. - Public sites and open spaces.**

Section 93-7.1. Public uses.

Where a proposed park, playground, school or other public use shown on the comprehensive development plan is located in whole or in part within a subdivision, a suitable area for this purpose may be dedicated to the public or reserved for public purchase.

If within two years of plat recording the purchase is not agreed on, the reservation may be cancelled or shall automatically cease to exist.

Section 93-7.2. Natural features. Existing natural features which add value to residential development and enhance the attractiveness of the community (such as trees, watercourses, historic spots, and similar irreplaceable assets) shall be preserved, insofar as possible, in the design of the subdivision.

(Ord. No. 42.2, § 4, 7-21-98)

CHAPTER 94. - SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS

- **Section 94-5. - Optional public improvements.**

Section 94-5.1. Recreational. Where a school site, neighborhood park, recreation area, or public access to water frontage, as previously delineated or specified by official action of the planning commission, is located in whole or part in the proposed subdivision, the township board may request the reservation of such open space for school, park and recreation of public access purposes. All such areas shall either be reserved for the respective school district in the case of school sites or for the township in all other cases; however, voluntary dedication of these land areas will be accepted.

Section 94-5.2. Greenbelts. It is desirable for the protection of residential properties to have greenbelts or landscaped screen plantings located between a residential development and adjacent major arterial streets and railroad rights-of-way. Where a subdivider desires to protect his development in this respect, a proposed subdivision plat shall show the location of said greenbelts.

Section 94-5.3. Street trees. Street trees of a variety and size in accordance with the standards adopted by the township may be planted between the street curb and sidewalk. The location of street trees shall be approved by the county road commission.

Section 94-5.4. Street lighting. Streetlights shall be required to be installed throughout the subdivision. In these cases, a subdivider shall conform to the requirements of the township and the public utility providing such lighting.