

Monroe Township: *Code language referring to public trees – 2015*

Chapter 16 - LAND DIVISIONS AND SUBDIVISIONS

- **Sec. 16-240. - Other improvements.**

(a)

Sidewalks. Sidewalks along all streets where lot widths are less than 100 feet may be required by the planning commission and at any other location where the commission or the township board shall determine that sidewalks are necessary for public safety or convenience. Sidewalks shall not be less than five feet in width and four inches in thickness and shall be first approved by the township engineer and all applicable reviewing agencies as to suitability, and all work shall be subject to the inspection and approval of the township engineer.

(b)

Crosswalks. Crosswalks, when required by the township, shall have easements at least 12 feet in width and include a paved walk of at least six feet in width, located generally along the centerline of the easement, dedicated as a public pedestrian walkway. Fences or other improvements may also be required if the commission or township board determines they are necessary to protect the adjacent property owners. Sidewalks and crosswalks shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements of the township construction standards.

(c)

Street name signs. Street name signs shall be installed in the appropriate locations at each street intersection in accordance with the requirements of the township construction standards.

(d)

Street trees and lawns. Street trees and lawns shall be planted in accordance with the township construction standards.

(1)

Trees shall be spaced alternately on each side of the street.

(2)

Trees shall be spaced at regular intervals of 45 to 60 feet, depending on type of tree and its maximum growth, without regard to property lines.

(3)

Trees for an entire block shall be planted at the same time.

(4)

All trees shall be the same kind on a street. The planning commission may allow different varieties and sizes of trees on the same block to achieve a special effect.

(5)

Minimum tree size shall be three-inch caliper as measured six inches above crown.