

LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES

This last fall Kalamazoo Township residents asked about Little Free Libraries, regulations and if any permits are required. On December 1, 2016, the Kalamazoo Township Planning Commission took up the question and determined that **NO PERMITS ARE REQUIRED** for these excellent benefits to the community. There are two rules that do apply:

1 – A Little Free Library cannot be placed within the public right-of-way. That is between the sidewalk and the street pavement. If there is no sidewalk then keep the post at least 22 feet from the edge of the street pavement.

2 – Be careful not to obstruct the view of drivers at street corners and driveways. A Little Free Library should not be more than 3 feet high within 20 feet of an intersection nor within 10 feet of a driveway.

For easy use the top shelf of the Little Free Library should not be more than 4 feet off the ground. Also, before digging the post hole you should contact Miss Dig, to avoid cutting an electrical line, gas line or water line. (call 811, or e-Locate)

The Planning Commission wishes to encourage Little Free Libraries and does not want to regulate them. Please be aware of the two simple rules.

Patrick Hudson, Zoning Administrator