

# LOWER MILFORD TOWNSHIP

## *Board of Supervisors*

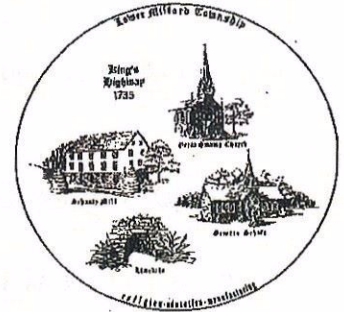
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*VIA EMAIL*

June 30, 2022

Ryan Fields  
Lower Milford Township Library Representative  
3200 Preston Lane  
Center Valley, PA 18034  
[rfields@solehipl.org](mailto:rfields@solehipl.org)

RE: Lower Saucon Township Request to Join Southern Lehigh Public Library

Dear Mr. Fields,

The Lower Milford Township Board of Supervisors discussed Lower Saucon Township's (LST) request to join Southern Lehigh Public Library (SLPL) at their June 16, 2022 Regular Meeting. The Board unanimously agreed that LST's addition to the SLPL will be of great benefit to our local community and their request to join SLPL in 2023 should be not only accepted but welcomed.

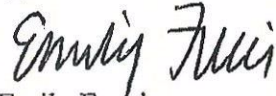
Concern had been previously raised regarding LST's location in Northampton County. Northampton and Lehigh Counties share a regional comprehensive plan under the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission and are partners for the purposes of community planning. The Board believes that library services are an integral community service, and the Southern Lehigh Community will be bolstered by LST's addition to SLPL.

Additionally, the Board does not understand why the \$50,000 donation from LST is currently being held in abeyance and requests the SLPL accept the donation immediately. Over the years, the SLPL has brought to the Township's attention its difficulties in funding and the potential for inadequate funding to negatively impact day-to-day operations and community offerings. Refusal to accept this donation is a disloyalty to the SLPL contributing municipal partners, library patrons and local community members. With availability of future funding by Lower Milford Township and other SLPL municipal entities unable to be promised during these unprecedented times, LST's desire to join the SLPL and their promise of funding will be integral to the SLPL's continued operations.

As Lower Milford Township's Library Representative, the Board requests that your actions not only represent the wishes of the elected officials of Lower Milford Township but reflect in the fiduciary interest of Township residents by accepting LST into the SLPL.

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Sincerely,



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Lower Milford Township  
Township Administrator/  
Zoning Officer and Planning Administrator

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