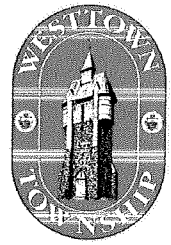


Westtown Township

PO Box 79
Westtown, PA 19395



P: 610.692.1930
F: 610.692.9651
www.westtownpa.org

Zoning Hearing Board Application

Township Use Only

Date Received: 3/15/19 Date Accepted: 3/26/19
Project No.: 2019-03 Fee/Date Paid: 4850.00
Parcel No.: 67-1-4.24 Acreage of Property: 0.9
Zoning Dist. R-2 (39,026A)

Applicant & Owner Information

Property Owner Marshall and Carolyn Bingham Phone 484.410.4276
Mailing Address 931 Sage Rd City West Chester PA Zip 19382
E-mail cbagua5@gmail.com

Applicant Carolyn Bingham Phone 484.410.4276
Mailing Address 931 Sage Rd City West Chester Zip PA 19382
E-mail cbagua5@gmail.com

Request

Section 2104: Appeals from the Zoning Officer _____
Section 2105: Challenge to the validity of the Zoning Ordinance or Map _____
Section 2106: Challenge to the Flexible Development Procedure _____
Section 2107: Variances _____ X
Section 2108: Special Exceptions _____ X

Applicant shall deposit with the Township a fee deemed sufficient to pay the Hearing expenses. These costs may include compensation for the secretary and members of the Zoning Hearing Board, notice and advertising costs, and necessary administrative overhead connected with the Hearing. Funds deposited in excess of the actual cost of the requested hearing shall be returned to the applicant upon completion of the proceedings.

In the event that the costs of the hearing exceed the funds deposited, the Applicant shall pay to the Township funds equal to such excess costs within thirty (30) days of the Township's request. Failure to deposit the additional funds shall be just reasons for terminating the proceedings.

It is my understanding that the Zoning Officer and Zoning Hearing Board may request additional information and documentation to prepare for said hearing.

CERTIFICATION: I certify that the information presented in this application and all attachments is true and correct.

Signature of APPLICANT Carolyn Bingham

Date 2.18.19

Print Name Carolyn Bingham

Signature of OWNER _____
(If different from applicant)

Date _____

Signature of ZONING OFFICER Will C. [Signature]

Date 3/26/19

—————OFFICIAL USE ONLY—————

Mailed/faxed to Zoning Solicitor on: 3/15/19

Hearing scheduled on: _____ Advertised on: _____

—————FEE SCHEDULE—————

- Variance, Special Exception ~~— \$850~~
- Appeal from the Zoning Officer, Challenge to the Flex Development Procedure — \$850
- Challenge to the Zoning Ordinance/Map — \$2,500

Description of request

Please provide below or attach a narrative of your request to enable the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor to prepare a correct and true advertisement. As part of the narrative, please describe:

- * The property under consideration (size of lot, dimensions, etc.) and its physical location (e.g. nearby intersections, landmarks, etc.).
- * The present use of the property (residential, retail, office, etc.), and all existing improvements located on it (house, garage, and shed; office and parking lot; etc.).
- * The proposed improvements, additions and/or change of use. For physical changes to the lot or structures, indicate the size of all proposed improvements, materials to be used and general construction to be carried out. Attach a plan or sketch for illustration.
- * State the variance, special exception, or other relief requested and cite the appropriate section(s) of the Zoning Ordinance.
- * Provide the reasons why the relief you requested is needed and why the relief should be granted (Please see §2104-2108 of the Zoning Ordinance, as amended, where applicable).

See attached

lot size, 39,026 sq ft - chasco

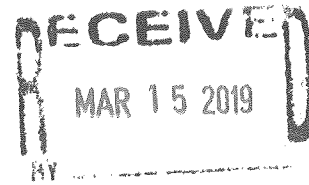
Pool: 45 x 22 Home: ± 3,800 sq ft (estimate)
(990 sq ft) 26%

office: ~~26 x 26~~ 8' x 8' (64 sq ft)

MEMO

TO: Westtownship – Zoning Board

FR: Carolyn Bingham
931 Sage Road
West Chester, PA 19382
484.410.4276



DT: March 15, 2019

RE: Description of request

I conduct aquatic swimming development instruction to disability children and typical development children and adults. This instruction program develops the safety of a child around a water source. This development then feeds into a child's motor planning skills in a verbal communication, muscle memory and core enhancement in emotional speaking, walking, running, educational reading and even riding a bike are several examples.

My program is designed upon the individual abilities and maybe in a private setting or a group setting of 1-4 children in the pool. Requesting that if a family has 4 or 5 kids that, I could instruct these children in the same half hour lesson. This would not have any change or cause a problem on the parking in coming in one car.

I am an American Red Cross Instructor Trainer, United States Water Fitness Trainer and a volunteer as a USS Swimming Stroke and turn judge for a USS Swim team that feed into the FINA Olympian level of swimming.

I have no large trucks for delivery at any time.

I have adequate parking in my driveway and in front of my house which I am part of a 6 house cul-de-sac on Sage Road.

Hours are flexible upon my schedule, school schedule and holiday calendar. Times are limited due to all these points.

My passion in giving these parents hope of a life learning skill is my "Purpose in Life". I am requesting that I am able to continue my work and be part of a community that is in the need of these skills for many Autism, nonverbal and verbal spectrum disorder, Asperger's syndrome, scoliosis, Down's syndrome, visual and hearing impairment, ADHD, seizure disorder, hemophilia and epilepsy, to name some of the physical challenges my student face.

Changing one child or adults at ease in a positive learning environment is my passion and hope that you can approve my request for my work to continue.

Thank you for your consideration.

HOME Occupations 170-1605
Carolyn Bingham
931 Sage Road
West Chester, PA 19382
484.410.4276

170-1605

- A. 1. Note, office in home in basement and instruction is in the backyard pool.
- 2. Applying Special Circumstance for Aquatic instruction in my backyard pool.
- 3. Nothing visible from the outside from the street.
- 4. No commercial vehicles
- 5. No storage
- 6. No Hazardous material, standard pool chemistry balancing supplies
- 7. No equipment, noise, odor, dust or electrical interference
- 8. No nuisances
- 9. No truck deliveries
- 10. Hours. Home Occupations shall be conducted in a way that is in conformance with the provisions of 10-1515.
- 11. No visual signs from the street of business advertisement.

I have a website at www.westchesterswimming.com this is for my American Red Cross certification instruction that I teach in the Tri-State area. It also is used for educational water safety awareness. Communication to my clients for cancellation notices on the home page.

Facebook is not used for any business advertisement.

- B. Major Home occupation Permit

- C. 1. NA
- 2. Read statement for Zoning Office determination

D. Understand that person who purchases my home with permit can continue the business per Zoning Hearing decision.

- E. 1. NA
- 2. NA
- 3. NA
- 4. NA
- 5. NA
- 6. NA

7. I have (one) 1 or (two) 2 instructors that volunteer. They get free training on water safety from preschool beginner level to adult refined stroke mechanics. Training for Special Development children on the spectrum are based on each child's starting ability.

8. NA

9. NA

10. NA

11. NA

12. NA

13. Instructional setting

14. NA

15. NA

16. NA

17. Major home occupation

18. Will Enthridge indicated that my home business would be compatible with 170-1605.G(3) Tutoring and Instructions service maybe permitted as a major home occupation provided that no more than two students maybe instructed at any one time.

19. NA

F. 1. A-F does not pertain to me

G. Major home occupations (Amended 3-3-2003) by Ord. No 2003-2

1. Permit under Home Occupation criteria

2. Major – Requesting of Special Exception

- a. Dwelling is a single-family house
- b. No products stored outside of house
- c. One devoted space which is the pool area
- d. Photo attached for parking demonstration for 6-7 cars can fit in driveway
- e. I have no more than 2 volunteers or coaches/lifeguard present
- f. Not subdivided from the parent parcel.
- g. Parking in driveway for additional 4 cars
- h. NA
- i. Township is welcome to come at any time to re inspect
- j. No environmental circumstances
- k. No items sold
- l. No deliveries
- m. No signs readable from street
- n. No commercial vehicle

3. The following are permitted major home occupations, provided they meet standards of this chapter.

- a. NA
- b. Desk in basement office not more than 25% of the floor area.
- c. NA

- 1. NA – Day Care

Certified as an American Red Cross Instructor Trainer for all Aquatic Certification in WSI, Lifeguarding, Open Water, Coach for Safety, Babysitter's Safety, First Aid, Professional CPR and Lay Responder. Certified as a United Water Fitness Instructor for various exercise programs. I was a qualified judge for stroke and turn in the USS Swimming organization. Associate Degree in Business and a Bachelor Degree in Arts. Presently a graduate student at Neumann University for a Master in Leadership and Brain Emotional Learning.

- 2. Fence and Enclosure barrier with locked door around pool

- 3. NA

- 4. Circulation Pattern is satisfied due to cul-de-sac parents must be present during child's lesson.

- 5. NA

- 6. NA (Lot size is 1.23 acres at 931 Sage road is 1.23)

- d. NA

- e. Home Occupation ratio of instructor to teach is 1: 2

- f. NA

- 4. 931 Sage Road is in a development and not near any cross roads

- a. – f. NA

- 1. No office employees in compliance with Major Home Occupation Permit

TO: Will Ethridge

FR: Carolyn Bingham



DT: March 15, 2019

RE: BAMB Swimming – Documents

Attached is the Description of request, application, Check number 307 of \$850. , Home Occupational 170-1605 description notation.

The following documents:

- Document 1 – County of Chester Office of the Recorder of Deeds for 931 Sage Road, West Chester, PA 19382, 6 pages
- Document 2 – PECO Bill, 931 Sage Road, West Chester, PA 19382
- Document 3 – Street Blueprint
- Document 4 - Google Map of 931 Sage Road, West Chester, PA 19382
- Document 5 - Google Map of development of Sage with “X” supporting or participated in a Aquatic programming
- Document 6 – Photo - Example of 6 cars in driveway
- Document 7- Photo- house of 931 Sage Road, West Chester, PA 19382
- Document 8 – Photo – Street of 931 Sage Road, West Chester, PA 19382
- Document 9 – Resume
- Document 10 – Support signatures - 6 pages
- Document 11 – Parent Letter – Beth and John Yocum – 4 pages
- Document 12 – Parent Letter – Claire Hackett – 2 pages
- Document 13 – Parent Email – Natalie MacEroy- 2 pages
- Document 14 – Parent Email – Jenifer Kampes
- Document 15 – Parent Letter – Chris and Nina Bauer
- Document 16 – Mentor to Carolyn Bingham – Robert Moore
- Document 17 - Letter from Myron Sardo
- Document 19 – Carolyn Bingham homework assignment used for a Neumann University
- Document 20 – Autistic Analysis of Class Size and Ratio in Early Childhood Education- article
- Document 21 – Bowen Foundation for Autism – Definition of Autism
- Document 22 – Article – Aserf PA Autism.org
- Document 23 – Article – Interventions for Increasing the Academic engagement of Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder in Inclusive Classrooms
- Document 24 – Article - Information on General Education Classrooms
- Document 25 – Article - Water Safety for Your Special Needs Child
- Document 26 – Article – Autism & Safety Facts National Autism Association
- Document 27 – Article – Autism & Safety Facts
- Document 28 – Article – Drowning and Submersion Statistics for PA, USA
- Document 29 – Parent Letter – Meg Murphy – Near Drowning with her son Fin who is Autistic
- Document 30 – Letter – Ivan B. Turnipseed, PHD, Professor and Former Head Department
- Document 31 – Letter – Pete Lake

COUNTY OF CHESTER
OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS

www.chesco.org/recorder

RICK LOUGHERY, Recorder
RUTH C. HUGANIR, First Deputy

EDWARD C. SWEENEY, Esq., Solicitor

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached copy is a true copy of a (an)

Deed

from Walter L. Levensgood, Jacqueline J. Levensgood

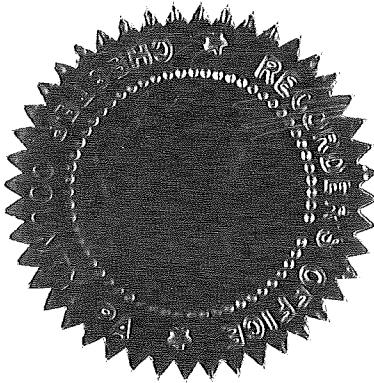
to Marshall A. Bingham, Carolyn M. Bingham

recorded in the Recorder of Deeds office in and for Chester County,

Pennsylvania in Book 4552 Page 248.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 1 day of

March, 2019 A.D.



Rick Loughery

Rick Loughery
Recorder of Deeds

Fee Simple/Treasurer's Deed

D239090C

RESIDENT LAND TRANSFER
431 West Lancaster Ave
Devon, PA 19333
(610) 889 7660

This Indenture Made this 15th day of APRIL 19 99

Between

WALTER L. LEVENGOOD AND JACQUELINE J. LEVENGOOD, HUSBAND & WIFE

(hereinafter called the Grantors),

MARSHALL A. BINGHAM AND CAROLYN M. BINGHAM, HUSBAND & WIFE

(hereinafter called the Grantees),

Witnesseth That the said Grantors for and in consideration of the sum of \$243,500.00 two hundred forty three thousand five hundred dollars lawful money of the United States of America, unto them well and truly paid by the said Grantees, at or before the sealing and delivery hereof, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained and sold, released and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain and sell, release and confirm unto the said Grantees, their heirs and assigns, tenants by the entirety

ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or piece of ground, situate in Westtown Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described according to a final title plan of Westmount Subdivision made for J.W.H. Construction Company, prepared by Yerkes Associates, Inc., Consulting Engineers, Surveyors; dated 2-22-1979 and last revised 1-18-1985 as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a point on the southerly side of Sumac Circle (50 feet wide) a corner of Lot 935 on said Plan; thence extending along the Southerly side of Sumac Circle North 67 degrees 23 minutes 13 seconds East 66.00 feet to a point of curve; thence extending on the arc of a circle curving to the left having a radius of 50.00 feet the arc distance of 28.63 feet to a point, a corner of Lot 929 on said Plan; thence extending along said Lot South 55 degrees 24 minutes 57 seconds East through a 20 feet wide sanitary sewer and storm easement, 210.00 feet to a point in line of lands now or late of Michael Woldman, thence extending along said lands the three following courses and distances (1) South 19 degrees 18 minutes 23 seconds East 25.00 feet to a point, (2) South 67 degrees 10 minutes 15 seconds West 65.41 feet to a point, and (3) South 21 degrees 40 minutes 53 seconds East 15.47 feet to a point, a corner of Lot 943 on said Plan; thence extending partly along said Lot South 45 degrees 35 minutes 38 seconds West 26.13 feet to a point a corner of Lot 941 on said Plan; thence extending along said Lot and along Lots 939 and 937 North 57 degrees 44 minutes 37 seconds West crossing a 20 feet wide sanitary easement 293.75 feet to a point, a corner of Lot 935 on said Plan, thence extending along said Lot 22 degrees 36 minutes 47 seconds West 72.63 feet to the first mentioned point and place of beginning.

CONTAINING 39,026 square feet more or less.
BEING Lot 931 on said Plan
BEING Chester County Tax Parcel 67-1-4.24

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BEING the same premises which Charles J. Durkin and Mary Jane Durkin, husband and wife by Deed dated 4-28-1994 and recorded in Chester County, in Record Book 3747 page 2341 conveyed unto Walter L. Levengood and Jacqueline J. Levengood, husband and wife, as tenants by the entireties.

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Together with all and singular the improvements, ways, streets, alleys, driveways, passages, waters, water-courses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances, whatsoever unto the hereby granted premises belonging, or in any wise appertaining, and the reversions and remainders, rents, issues, and profits thereof; and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever of the said Grantor, as well at law as in equity, of, in, and to the same.

To have and to hold the said lot or piece of ground above described with the hereditaments and premises hereby granted, or mentioned, and intended so to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said Grantee, and assigns, to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said Grantee, and assigns forever.

And the said do by these presents, covenant, grant and agree, to and with the said and Assigns, that the said all and singular the Hereditaments and premises herein above described and granted, or mentioned and intended so to be with the Appurtenances unto the said and Assigns, against the said and against all and every Person or Persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof, by from, or under or any of them, shall and will WARRANT and forever DEFEND.

OR

the said do covenant, promise and agree, to and with the said and assigns, by these presents, that the said has/have not done, committed or knowingly or willingly suffered to be done or committed, any act, matter or thing whatsoever whereby the premises hereby granted, or any part thereof, is, are, shall or may be impeached, charged or incumbered, in title, charge, estate, or otherwise howsoever.

In Witness Whereof, the said Grantor has/have caused these presents to be duly executed dated the day and year first above written.

Sealed and Delibered
IN THE PRESENCE OF US:


WALTER L. LEVENGOOD


JACQUELINE J. LEVENGOOD

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(SPECIAL WARRANTY)

(TRUSTEES' WARRANTY)

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA)
COUNTY OF) SS.

On this, the 15th day of April, A.D. 1999, before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Walden + Jacqueline J. Levensgood known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is (are) subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same for the purposes therein contained. In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

[Signature]
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA)
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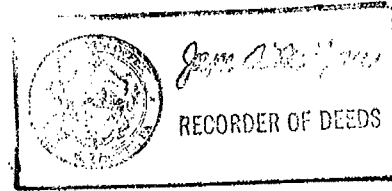
On this, the _____ day of _____, A.D. 19____, before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared _____ who acknowledged himself (herself) to be the _____ of _____ a corporation and that he as such being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing the name of the corporation by himself (herself) as _____ In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

REC'D

The address of the above-named Grantee is 933 Sage Road On behalf of the Grantee *[Signature]* 19382
CLT-2896

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DATE: 04/27/1999 TIME: 11:42A INST NO.: 34320

CHESTER COUNTY, PA
OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS

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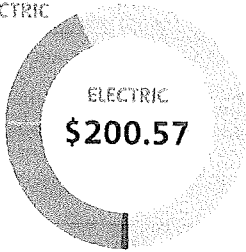
Name: **CAROLYN BINGHAM**
Account Number: **66803-01205**
Phone Number: **610-429-8084**
Service Address: **931 Sage Rd, West Chester**

Emergency and Repair

800-841-4141

This is the number to call to report power outages, gas leaks or odors, and safety hazards related to PECO Equipment.

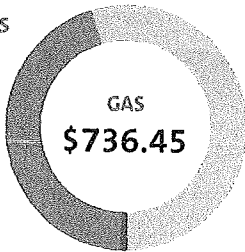
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225 W. Wacker Dr. STE. 700
CHICAGO IL 60606
866-258-3782

PECO GAS DELIVERY



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GAS SUPPLY
PECO
2301 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
800-494-4000

Billing Summary

Bill Date **03/05/2019**

Thank you for your payment of \$1,074.97 on 02/22/2019

Current Period Charges

Electric **\$200.57**
Gas **\$736.45**

Total New Charges \$937.02

Total Amount Due on 03/27/2019 \$937.02

General Information

Next scheduled meter reading: 04/04/2019

1-800-494-4000

If you have any questions or concerns, please call 800-494-4000 before the due date. Si tiene alguna pregunta, favor de llamar al numero 1-800-494-4000 antes de la fecha de vencimiento.

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Customer Self Service - Manage Your Account 24/7

Start, stop and move your service

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931
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X = house that participated in a program or shows support for Bamm Swimming.

Sage

Document 5



Document 6

6 Cars + 1 space
available



Document 7



Document 4

CAROLYN M. BINGHAM931 Sage Road, West Chester, PA 19382 cbaqua5@gmail.com

Career Objective

To lead, develop and advance an Aquatic Program with my expertise in Aquatic Instruction, Aquatic Safety, Finance, Communication and Management Skills with 30 years of experience.

Work Experience

Minister – Universal Life Church – July 31, 2018 – Member of the United Life Church and has all rights and privileges to perform all duties of the ministry.

IM Pool Management, Media, PA

September 2004 – June 2018

- Manage the Strath Haven H.S., Wallingford, PA and Springton Lake M.S., Rose Tree Media, PA., pool during the months of September – June in full operation.
- Staff of 30 to conduct Aquatic Development, Financial Development and a Business plan as well as oversee club membership.
- Instruct and manage the Learn to Swim Program as well as instruct certification of American Red Cross courses.
- Summer months of May thru September manage 3 Community Swim Pools in the West Chester area with a staff of 30 employees in the full operation of clubs.

B.A.M.M. – Bingham’s Aqua Motion and Mechanics, West Chester, PA

September 1998 – Present (www.westchesterswimming.com)

- Rental of pool space in the Delaware and Chester County to conduct 5 weekly Aquatic Aerobics with 45 clients and Conduct Learn to Swim program for over 500 clients during winter months. High School preseason clinics for the Tri-State area.
- Specialize in Special need children and school age instruction.
- Conduct American Red Cross certification in the Tri-State in US Coaches, First Aid, CPR, Lifeguarding and Babysitting courses. Locations: HOC, Rose Tree Media SD, Garnet Valley SD, and United States Training Center of the few local facilities.

Professor – Cheyney University - Spring 2015 – Present – Student Aquatic and Wellness

Rocky Run, Media, PA**Aquatic Facility Director/Coordinator**

September 2000 – April 2004 – Garnet Valley School location

The Franklin Mint, Media, PA**Administrative Assistance/Expeditor**, 1988-1991**Buyer/Purchasing Agent**, 1991-1993**Education****Cabrini University**, Radnor, PA

Bachelor in Leadership: GPA 3.8, May, 2016, Award: MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Gloucester County College

Associate in Science in Business Administration, 1993

Neumann University

Master Degree in Social Emotional Learning – Present Student

Certification**American Red Cross Instructor Trainer and certifications** - 1994 – Current**United States Water Fitness Association Inc. Trainer** – 1998 – Current**National Certification for Water Fitness** – 1998 - Current**American Fitness Professional Associates** – 1998**YMCA Fundamental Swimming Program** – 2001**YMCA Cross Lifeguarding** – 2000**National Swimming Pool Foundation Pool/Spa Operator** – 2002**USS Swimming - Volunteer – Stroke and Turn Judge**

Document 10

Would you show our support to me conducting a swim development program at 931 Sage Road, West Chester, PA. I need your signature with your address and phone number to submit to the township to show support. Thank you. BAMB Swimming LLC.

Print/Name	Signature	Address	Phone
Nicole Sullivan		1107 Fielding Dr WC Pa 19382	610 663 4536
PETE LAKE		6 DUNN DR. MOUNTAIN SQ, PA	484-486-0050
LAWRENCE NYATIEG		104 Forge Ct	512547-8174
JUDITH NYATIEG			
Clare Hillier		614 Green Ave WC 19380	215 285 3381
Christina Rapp		15 Magnolia Way Chadds Ford PA 19317	484 770 3444
Mari Fralley		1202 N. Glen Dr. Glen Mills PA 19342	610-416-4693
Merle Wolff		8 Alandale Rd, Pky, New PA 19462	610-291-9016
Myron Sardo		1255 Sycamore Mills Rd Glen Mills PA 19342	610-558-1696
ERADITH TINDER		W F CRYSER	
Brenda Tinh		610 Clarks Drive	610 304-1823
SHARON ALEXANDER		927 Sage Rd	610-285-1917
David Alexander		927 Sage Rd	484 678 2575
PANNIR ALEXANDER		927 Sage Rd	484 678 8315
MARIA ALEXANDER		927 Sage Rd	484 678 8316
Keith Frick		933 Sage Rd	610 431 3834
Renee Cook		942 Sage Rd	610 692-4259
Matt Melling		944 Sage Rd	610 749-633-2776
Mercedes Case		941 Sage Rd	484-43-8280
Alexandra Gurnai		929 Sage Rd	610-429-4131
Dawn McAllister		919 Sage Rd	610-430-5026
Rebecca McAllister		919 Sage Rd	610-430-5026
John Telford		920 Sage Rd	484 957 7118
Emily Thibault		911 Sage Rd	610-692-4726
Kathleen Neukircher		911 Sage Rd	610-692-4726
Justin Cooney		913 Sage Rd	610 692 4711
Dana Seliman		912 Sage Rd.	610-696-4654

yes

yes

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Print/Name	Signature	Address	Phone
JAMES BESSILSTON		916 LAMBDA STREET CLOSE CHADDS FORD, PA 19317	302-379-0063
MANI NAIR		13 HUNTERS LN GLEN MILLS PA 19312	610-216-5231
Scott Girven		212 FOWLER DR WEST CHESTER PA 19380	484-887-0446
John MacElroy		31 W. BIDDLE ST West Chester PA 19380	703-582-4728
Meredith Wokers		1438 Cherry Lane West Chester, PA 19380	302-438-6662
Tom Gester		211 WOOD EDGE RD CHADDS FORD, PA 19317	610-633-4237
Amrita Lal Patena		811 PARKRIDGE DR. Media, PA 19063	215-888-3634
Denise Miller		509 Georgetown Rd	610 872 7674
Gemma Hrevatis		1229 Gail rd west Chester, PA	484 319 1724
Phillip Hrevatis		1229 Gail rd west Chester, PA	610 764 8862
Julie Grove		300 North Chester rd WEST CHESTER	610 696 1566
Larry Heckhoff		614 Green Ave Wc 331 McMull Dr	610-733-8389
Jenni Kampes		Weyne, PA 19087	610-453-1051
Meghan Walsh		11 Glen Loch Way Malvern PA 19355	610-572-4183 (H)
Elizabeth Gorodetzki		3102 Woods Edge Dr. Garnet Valley, PA	9060 (843) 457 8529 (C)
Laura Walsh		817 Kennedy Dr West Chester, PA	19380 315-246-0638
Adam Scorzadani		755 WARE CT W.C PA 19384	484 947 3037
Karen Kumrey		6011 W. Hwy 101 D'burn 19335	484-844-2972

Would you show our support to me conducting a swim development program at 931 Sage Road, West Chester, PA. I need your signature with your address and phone number to submit to the township to show support. Thank you. BAMB Swimming LLC.

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Tim Goff	Tim Goff	940 Sage Rd	610-033-2110
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Westtown Township
PO Box 79
Westtown, PA 19395
Attn: Will Enthridge

Dear Mr. Enthridge,

I am writing to you concerning Carolyn Bingham, and BAMB Aquatics, located at 931 Sage Road, in West Chester, PA. It has come to my attention that another resident on Sage Road has expressed concern over the existence of the swimming instruction taking place in the neighborhood, specifically for reasons regarding car traffic on the street.

As I am sure you know by now, Carolyn Bingham and her small team of instructors, not only teach neurotypical children and adults to swim, but that the major part of her clientele are children with pre-existing medical conditions. Mainly autism, but I have witnessed Carolyn giving lessons to children with cerebral palsy, down syndrome, as well as neurotypical children with high anxiety and fear caused by previous swimming instruction.

Before I give my personal testimony regarding BAMB Aquatics, I would like to provide you with some facts regarding unintentional fatal drownings in children with autism. We all clearly know the importance of children needing to know how to swim, or safely get themselves out of a body of water, however, children with autism have a much higher risk of drowning than a neurotypical child:

- Roughly half, or 48%, of children with an ASD attempt to elope from a safe environment, a rate nearly four times higher than their unaffected siblings
- In 2009, 2010, and 2011, accidental drowning accounted for 91% total U.S. deaths reported in children with an ASD ages 14 and younger subsequent to wandering/elopement.
- More than one third of ASD children who wander/elope are never or rarely able to communicate their name, address, or phone number
- 32% of parents reported a "close call" with a possible drowning
- Wandering was ranked among the most stressful ASD behaviors by 58% of parents of elopers
- 62% of families of children who elope were prevented from attending/enjoying activities outside the home due to fear of wandering

Source: National Autism Association website: www.nationalautismassociation.org

Children with autism, and other pre-existing medical conditions, in most cases do not have the luxury of using a regular swim program. Often times the facilities are too overwhelming, too large, too loud, for the children to tolerate. The instructors are not trained to handle these children safely, or with the training and understanding to motivate and instruct the child properly. The lessons are not designed with the flexibility needed for special needs children to learn. Many places just provide a group class, which is not always an appropriate setting for the child. To find a talented, trained professional that teaches in a calm, quiet setting is next to impossible.

I first met Carolyn Bingham when my autistic daughter was 4 ½ years old. At this time my daughter was non-verbal, self-injurious, and had almost zero water safety. We had been doing lessons at the local YMCA for 2 years without much success. She would not go into the YMCA facility without major resistance. She would not go in the pool without my husband, who is the sole income earner for our household. This meant he had to leave work twice a week to stand in the pool while the instructor tried to teach skills to our daughter, and this was becoming a hardship for us. The senior aquatics class that took place at the time and complained vigorously about her yelling in the water and being too loud for them to partake in their class. She would get so upset in the pool that she would throw up. The age group lessons were not something we could do as my daughter could not sit on the side of the pool safely and wait for her turn with the instructor. I was starting to have difficulty juggling both my one-year old daughter and doing what needed to be done to get my 4 ½ year old daughter safely to the poolside for her lesson. But we needed her to learn how to safely get out of the water. She was drawn to pools and the ocean and would walk into the water as if it wasn't even there. And, we knew all the statistics that I listed above. Our job as parents were to make sure our daughter was water safe, but there was nowhere to go. The swim lessons at West Chester University are totally not appropriate for a child with special needs, nor were the lessons at Cabrini College. Malvern swim's program mirrored the Y's program, so that was not an option either. We had nowhere to go, until I saw another Mom talk about Carolyn Bingham on a local online group for Moms of children with autism.

Carolyn Bingham is an absolute blessing for families with children with special needs, and to everyone that is fortunate enough to participate in her program. I arrived with my daughter, and in three lessons she had my daughter calm and relaxed in the water and not yelling. She had her getting her head wet. She had her putting her face in the water and safely blowing bubbles. My daughter made more progress in a month with Carolyn than she had in 2 years at the YMCA. I was so happy to see her relaxed and receptive to instruction. She learned how to spin onto her back so her face was out of the water and kick to the side of the pool and climb out. This was amazing. I could sit at a distance, my husband did not have to leave work, and my one year old could sit in the shade and color or play with the toys that Carolyn thoughtfully would leave out for siblings.

I met other Moms who told me their stories of why they were there. Children who refused to put so much as a foot into a pool after being traumatized at another swim instructional facility, and Carolyn was the only one that could soothe them enough, and relax them enough, to reteach them how to swim safely. Moms of other autistic children, Moms of children with down syndrome, Moms of kids who were non-verbal and couldn't communicate about learning to swim and what was hard or how it felt. I saw a child who had such difficulty walking from her cerebral palsy, but was so excited and happy to get to the pool, and relaxed in the water, able to move without a lot of the pain that she experienced on dry land – it was quite a transformation to witness. I have heard stories of kids that elope into her personal home to hide, and Carolyn doesn't even blink an eye at this. Where else are you going to get the compassion, understanding, love, and professionalism to teach your special needs child to swim?

Aside from her clear talent and compassion, Carolyn is more than qualified to teach these children. Which makes her a diamond in the rough. You cannot find anyone else with her

professional qualification to take on children with challenges. Carolyn is an American Red Cross Instructor Trainer. She is in the process of earning her master's degree in social emotional learning. And this program that she has developed at her home is one with cause and affect techniques for special developmental children and adults. Because no child ever learns the same, especially those with special needs.

In regard to the volume of people that come and go for instruction at BAMM, and the concerns that the neighbor is voicing, I have a few thoughts and questions:

- The car traffic that arrives is only a few cars at a time depending on how many instructors are working in the pool. I have ever only seen four, maybe five, cars at the most. Usually the lessons are 1:1, or if it is a group, it is a small group of about three or four children for the style of learning and instruction that Carolyn provides. So, that is only one car for however many children are in the pool, which is never a lot. A lot of times it is just us and Carolyn, which is one car out on the street.
- The car traffic that does arrive consists of Moms, sometimes nannies or grandparents, that are all child-safety aware. They are toting children themselves, and are coming from neighborhoods such as Carolyn's, and know to be careful. We aren't talking about packs of college students zooming in and out of the street carelessly.
- The car traffic that does arrive comes in timed intervals. It is not like every four or five minutes a car is coming and parking, it is usually on the hour, maybe the half hour. Something that can simply be taken into consideration when allowing your children outside to play.
- Since we are talking about a business that teaches safety for children, and a parent that seems to be concerned for the safety of her own children, perhaps this parent can teach her children safety skills instead of trying to change the environment. These kids will need to learn street safety at some point, this seems like a pretty safe and benign spot to start. I live on a cul-de-sac street with more homes than Sage Road, and my children know to hop up on the grassy lawns when a car comes down the road. Which, is driven usually by a parent, and is going slow to know to take care for kids playing in the street (see second bullet point above).
- There are no blind spots on Sage Road, it is small. Children and adults can all easily see each other.
- Oakbourne Park is also within walking distance to this neighborhood, which is a great option for children to run freely and play, and I believe there are sidewalks from Sage Road to the park. As well as the front, side, and backyards that each home on Sage Road has. It is not as if there are no other options for play other than the asphalt cul-de-sac. I know that if my children are outside playing and I cannot keep an eye on them for a few minutes while I, for example, change the laundry, I make the rule that they have to stay on our driveway or in our yard.

There are so many children with special needs that elope, have neighbors with pools, that live near a pond, that want to enjoy a day at the beach. And there are so very few people that can teach these children the life skill of swimming. BAMM Aquatics is a small, quiet, kind and loving business that offers this to families and children that are not welcome at or able to utilize the other facilities that are in our area. Carolyn Bingham is an honest, loving, hard working

woman with a serious talent for working with these children. We have worked with dozens upon dozens of teachers and therapists over the years, and the gifted ones always stand above the rest, and Carolyn is in that category. I know that the immensely grateful families that make up Carolyn's client base would be happy to heed instructions to park in a specific spot. I know that these families would heed "Children at Play" signs in the street if neighborhood children want to play. I know Carolyn would probably be happy to provide the lesson schedule if this Mom wanted to know the hours in which a car, or a few cars, may be coming to park in the street. There are so many simple solutions to this problem. For an entire community that already has enough challenges to deal with, to lose BAMM Aquatics – it would be devastating to so many families and children.

My daughter swam with Carolyn for years. As did my younger daughter. My older daughter who is autistic, who would not get into the water, who would holler and flail about, who was self-injurious, who would not get her head or face wet, is now 11 years old and swims on two swim teams. She can do a 25-meter freestyle in 18 seconds. She can swim the breast stroke, the butterfly, and the back stroke, as well as dive, flip turn, and streamline. She boogie boards for hours on end in the ocean, and can outswim all of her neurotypical friends – both in the pool and in the ocean. Carolyn not only taught my daughter how to be safe in the pool, she gave us the gift of loving swim, the gift of a day at the pool with friends, the gift of a family day at the beach.

Please consider a mediation between the two parties involved. Our special needs community can't, and shouldn't, lose such a gift to our children over a squabble over parking on a street. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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February 21, 2019

RE : Carolyn Bingham, BAMB Swimming

To Whom It May Concern:

When we first became parents, one of our biggest fears was of our children drowning. Then, we became the parent of a special needs child and suddenly we had a whole new set of fears. Our son is globally delayed in a number of areas and many of his disabilities do not fit into major categories. When our son was 3, we tried swimming lessons for several months at our local YMCA. He was unable to make any progress. We were still trying to figure out all of my son's issues and swimming lessons could no longer be a priority to us. We were too busy chasing doctors for a diagnosis or spending hours in physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy throughout the Delaware Valley.

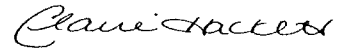
By the time our son was 6, we had exhausted every medical lead and we finally had more free time. We never gave up the dream for our son to learn how to swim. Carolyn Bingham, BAMB Swimming, was highly recommended to us from other special needs parents. Carolyn conveniently offered swimming lessons at her house, only 10 minutes from where we live. From the moment our son got into Carolyn's pool, he blossomed. Our son has made such incredible progress and truly loves to swim. He really enjoys his swimming lessons and we no longer worry that our son will drown.

None of this would have been possible without Carolyn. She has a special love for our differently abled kiddos and she can break through and meet them where they are. In her spare time, Carolyn reads books to learn techniques and strategies to help our kids advance and progress. She understands the complicated sensory and motor planning issues and utilizes methods to help our children succeed. Working with special needs kids can be thankless, challenging, frustrating and difficult. It takes a special kind of person with patience and gentleness to make the impossible possible. Swimming provides much needed exercise for our kids and is a type of physical therapy. Carolyn also employees a team of talented coaches that know exactly the right way to work individually with each child.

Our son thrives on consistency and routine and would easily regress if he was unable to continue to work with Carolyn. He has taken swimming lessons for the past two years and our plans are to continue lessons with Carolyn for the foreseeable future. Carolyn's business welcomes the special needs community and provides services that we are unable to receive elsewhere. We would be devastated if Carolyn was unable to share her talents with our son anymore at her house. We enthusiastically support Carolyn and BAMB Swimming!

I am happy to provide additional information or answer any questions that you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the email or phone number listed above. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claire Hackett".

Claire Hackett



Carolyn Bingham <cbaqua5@gmail.com>

The Importance of Bamm

Natalie MacElroy <natiemac99@gmail.com>
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Wed, Feb 20, 2019 at 10:23 AM

Dear Carolyn this is for you. I'm writing this to the township in hopes they can open their hearts and minds to my circumstances.

Dear Westtown Township

Greetings to you all.

My name is Natalie MacElroy. My daughter's name is Kerrigan MacElroy.

My daughter Kerrigan was diagnosed with severe autism at the age of 2 and a half years old. It was July of 2011. She has an expressive and receptive delay and is developmentally delayed. She is 9 but at the age of a 2 to 3 year old. She cannot have a functioning conversation with you, write her name, tell you her address or who she is.

You see Kerrigan's autism affects her brain so much so it affects her expressively from head to toe.

What makes this dangerous is she is and has been drawn to the water. She LOVES the water. And would jump in when in 30 degree weather because she doesn't have the understanding she could freeze. She would also jump in on a warm day. Which also poses a huge problem. Because of her expressive delay she is barely able to doggie paddle. Her brain cannot coordinate her arms and legs to move together and effectively to keep her a float for very long.

My daughter loves and wants to go in the water (and will) and would drown if she got in without someone in the water with her. Because at the same time she has anxiety because she's unable to swim or move her body naturally like we can to stay a float to get to the side.

At 3 years of age I recognized her love for the water. I took her to the YMCA for swim lessons. They were not able to teach her, she could not keep other with her peers.

So I posted on Facebook asking for help. I explained my circumstances and a friend who had a higher functioning child in the spectrum wonderful things (and even cried) because her son had a fear of the water and Carolyn was able to get him to swim in one summer.

So I called Carolyn and explained my situation. She was kind, I felt like I was speaking to an old friend. She was also sincere and understanding. And was confident she would be able to get Kerrigan kicking in the pool. She explained the safety and importance of swimming and safety in the water.

You see one of the number 1 and 2 reasons for causes of death with autism are :
Drowning and running into traffic.

So I made an appointment with Carolyn in the winter in 2012. Kerrigan had been in the pool for about 5 minutes and Carolyn had her kicking in the water. You know how she did this. By using a ball. She knew had the knowledge to know if she asked Kerrigan to randomly kick in the water it would not make sense to her. But incorporate a ball to kick and that would make sense.

Carolyn has a very calm voice and a very loving and gentle way she teaches. She's patient and kind.

She's still teaching my daughter. My daughter is getting older and can even get aggressive by scratching and pinching. And Carolyn always figures out a gentle way to release Kerrigan's very firm grip.

You see it's also important for Kerrigan to be at the same location. She's been at her location since 3. She knows Carolyn's pool she knows Carolyn will be there waiting to teach her. She's comfortable in her pool and only with Carolyn.

I cannot emphasize or say enough great things about this woman. Thinking of all she has done over the years for my daughter. My daughter can now at least keep her head above water long enough to get her to the side or the edge of the water. You know what that means for me as a mom for someone to have taken the time not just a week or a summer to do this but years of dedication and devotion on Carolyn's part? It means the world to me. She's given my daughter enough skill so if she ever got into the water and an adult was not around she could at least get to the side and stay alive! STAY ALIVE!

There is no one like Carolyn and her employees. Who by the way teach my 4 year old son. Who was fearful too and can now float on his back.

These are facts from a mother with extremely difficult and scary circumstances. No other reason coach had been able to reach into Kerrigan's mind and try to understand it. And believe me my daughter is VERY STRONG. Carolyn's getting punched and scratched by my daughter and Carolyn never gets frustrated or aggressive back.

If you have children of your own I hope you can open up your heart and wrap your mind around this and circumstances like mine to not only understand the importance of Carolyn but her value.

I do not trust anyone else with my children. Carolyn is one of a kind. She's the water angel and the autism aquatic whisperer. I've recommended her to every mother with a child with and without autism.

Please see the importance of her business as she is saving lives and giving moms like me a peace of mind. Because believe me there is no one like her. No one who teaches like her with the knowledge, patience, kindness, gentleness and problem solving skills she has in the water.

Please, take my story into account on this matter.

In love and light God Bless

Sincerely with all my heart

Brian, Natalie, and especially Kerrigan and Brian III MacElroy



Carolyn Bingham <cbaqua5@gmail.com>

Letter

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Jennifer K <jenniferkampes@gmail.com>
To: Carolyn Bingham <cbaqua5@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 8, 2019 at 5:05 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

Carolyn Bingham's BAMM swimming program has been invaluable for my two sons, one who is diagnosed with Down Syndrome and the other with Apraxia-Autism. Having tried other programs, including West Chester University's swim camp, Malvern Prep swim program, and KidsFirst swim program, none have had the ability to get my boys water safe like Carolyn has.

In the past two and a half years, the boys have gained confidence in the water as Carolyn utilizes a balance between 1-1 lessons and small group lessons to help them be safe in the water and around others despite their communication struggles. As an educator myself for the past 19 years, I love Carolyn's instructional approach with children. She creates a safe, warm environment for her students to gain initial confidence and through routine and structure, she builds a consistent routine for them to develop the necessary skills needed for each stage of swimming. She and her coaches interact easily with the kids and I've seen first-hand the boys develop their skills through one on one sessions as well as small group with one or two other swimmers in order to help model what is expected regarding form and style.

I fully support Carolyn and her wonderful, professional program that has had a tremendous impact for both of my sons in ways that I could never imagine.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kampes

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To Whom it May Concern:

We were referred to BAMB through a good friend whose child learned the life long lesson of swimming. We have been through West Chester University and the YMCA programs. Carolyn has created a small setting instead of large swim classes and I have found that my children are gaining so much more. They have even assisted with helping a special development swimmer. I feel so fortunate to have found this program and would highly recommend it to anyone.

-Chris and Nina Bauer
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Chris Bauer

To: Will Enthridge Westtown Township
Fr: Nic Sardo

3/5/19

Ref: BAMB Swimming

Carolyn Bingham has been a part of my life for over ten years. She has been a teacher, mentor, and friend for as long as I have known her. While learning from Carolyn I gained insight into the art of aquatic instruction. She went out of her way to teach me a craft that has benefited me and my students for over a decade. While working for her I taught infants how to survive in the water, prepared youth swimmers for their first team tryouts, trained athletes in clinics to develop technique, and provided opportunities for developmentally challenged youth to acquire in water skills. Surely today, there are hundreds of people with the skills to survive in the water thanks to Carolyn Bingham. Who can say how many lives are saved because of these taught skills? What would become of her students if they are no longer able to receive her instruction?

Today I am the head coach for Fitness & Wellness Aquatic Club. I work with youth ages 4- 18 and cherish the job. Year round I am a role-model and coach to 70 youth whom I train to compete in USA Swimming. Many of my swimmers benefit from the lessons I learned from Carolyn. Beyond just swim instruction skills, I learned many other things from Mrs. Bingham. Through her mentorship I developed values and habits that made me a better coach. Values such as kindness & understanding, professionalism & respect, and especially patience. I take a lot of pride in the training I received in my early years. Many instructors today rarely receive the level of experience I was provided.

Beyond the pool I have watched Carolyn be a committed mother to her family; a leader in her community, and a friend who is always ready to help out someone in need. Her joys in life seem to be spending time with her family, chasing after her ridiculous dogs, and practicing her craft as an aquatic's instructor. This community is fortunate to have someone like Carolyn Bingham and I strive to one day contribute as much as she has.

Myron N. Sardo



Fitness & Wellness Head Coach
Aquatics Instructor

Carolyn Bingham

Empathy

March 8, 2019

(This was a homework assignment that I wrote on this week from my 21st Century Brain Learning Course at Neumann University)

I teach over ten aquatic swimming development classes a week and the majority of my students are on the Autism Development level. I am thankful that all parents who bring their children can be put to ease in that their children will learn a life skill. My empathy of this parent to find educational learning for their Autistic children makes me work harder to reach them in keeping them safe and to enjoy swimming.

My son, who is 13 years old was assisting me with an eight year old Autistic boy by performing a skill so, that Patrick my student, could mirror swing movements in the water. The skill was very basic for us putting your face in the pool and streamlining like superman on top of the pool. Patrick had an outstanding lesson that day. He followed my son's example. When he left, my son looked at me with such empathy and said, "What will happen to Patrick when he grows up?" Will he have a job to take care of himself? My son was so concerned of what is going to happen to all these Autistic children and his "EMPATHY" was so real. My answer to him was that we have to do our part in his life today, keeping him safe in the water and also, that it would be a positive experience for Patrick to learn to swim. You cannot teach Empathy but, surly my son showed me that he has it!

It was an amazing lesson: one that caused me to be thankful, for Patrick and for my son!