

**UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**NOTICE**

**Appeal No. 2025-03**

The Zoning Hearing Board of Upper Mount Bethel Township will conduct a hearing on **Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 7:00 pm** at the Upper Mount Bethel Township Municipal Building, 387 Ye Olde Highway, Mount Bethel, Pennsylvania 18343.

To Appeal the Zoning Officer's Determination(s) of January 6, 2025 and/or seek Zoning Ordinance Interpretation(s) and/or obtain Variance(s) to construct a 9,600 sq. ft. Event Center / Banquet Hall. The property is owned by Theodore Howard and located at 487 Stone Church Rd., Mt. Bethel, PA in the A-1 Agricultural Zoning District.

**The applicant Appeals the Determinations by the Zoning Officer and/or seeks Variances for the following:**

1. Section 350-26.A allows only one Principal Use on a lot. The proposed Event Center / Banquet Hall would constitute an additional Principal Use on the property.
2. Section 350 Attachment 1 – Schedule I does not list Event Center / Banquet Hall as a permitted use in the A-1 Zoning District and therefore requires a Variance.
3. Section 350-29.A requires Off-street Parking for the proposed use. Section 350-29.D(3) requires the parking spaces to be surfaced with durable bituminous or concrete paving material. Original Site Plan indicates existing parking but did not delineate or provide the amount of existing parking on the property requiring a Variance. A new Site Plan submitted with the Appeal depicts 67 parking spaces in a proposed stone parking lot requiring Variances for insufficient amount of spaces and surfacing.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Bettina Serfass  
Upper Mount Bethel Zoning Officer