

**Bemidji State University**  
**Parking Committee/Advisory Board Meeting**  
**February 19, 2014**

**Location Date & Time:**

Meeting was held February 19, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in the South Conference room in the Lower Hobson Memorial Union.

**Present:**

Casey McCarthy, Jeff Sande, Chad Blake, Darla Finnegan, Stephanie Bard & Scott Pula.

**Absent:**

Scott Theisen, Tom Beech, no representative from Student Senate, or NTC.

Casey McCarthy noted that there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

**Old Business:**

Chad Blake motioned to approve meeting minutes October 9, 2013, seconded by Jeff Sande. Motion carried to approve minutes.

**New Business:** Parking Appeals, one (1) on the agenda.

Appeal from Autumn R Aeling, parking citation #9176 for parking in a no parking zone, issued in the Rec. Center Lot on 2/10/2014 at 11:26 AM. Autumn's vehicle was parked past the Orange Pylon on the south end of the east double row. Autumn stated in her appeal that she understood there was no parking where the sign on the pylon indicated, but since she was parked at the sign she did not believe her car was illegally parked as the sign could be interpreted in different ways. Members discussed the signage and felt that parking should stop at the pylon and vehicles should not extend past it. Members also discussed the fact that Autumn's vehicle was parked at an angle when the ticket was issued and that at least half of her vehicle was parked in the no parking zone indicated on the sign attached to the pylon.

Motion to deny by Chad Blake and seconded by Darla Finnegan. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote to deny appeal.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Next meeting:**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled as follows:

Date: March 5, 2014

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: South Conference Room (HMU)

Respectfully submitted,  
Casey McCarthy  
Director Public Safety

**BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY – NORTHWEST TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
PARKING VIOLATION APPEAL FORM**

Date of Appeal: 2-13-14

Phone Number: 218-640-5468

Person Filing Appeal: Aelina Autumn R  
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Address: 410 19<sup>th</sup> St NE Bemidji MN 56601  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Vehicle Description: 712ADK Oldsmobile Alero 2002 0234  
(License #) (Make) (Model) (Year) (Parking Permit #)

Ticket #: 9176

- The violation(s) being appealed must be paid in full prior to submitting the appeal to the Parking Committee. \*NOTE\* Appeals should be based on the fact the violation notice was issued contrary to the "BSU-NTC parking rules and regulations or in error.
- Appeal forms must be filed within ten (10) days of issue date in writing by the individual who received the citation. Appeals will not be accepted after the ten (10) calendar day of the parking violation issue date.
- Completed appeal forms may be mailed or dropped off at the Department of Public Safety, Walnut Hall Box #33, Bemidji State University, 1500 Birchmont Drive NE, Bemidji MN 56601.
- The Parking Committee will serve as the appeal body for all parking citations issued and render a decision in each case. **All decisions by the Parking Committee are final.**

**Statement of Appeal:**

I am making this appeal as I believe that I do not justify to the violation I received. As with the snow covered parking lot, the lines of each parking space cannot be seen. With the limited space in Tamarack, on most occasions only one spot opens up at a time. This being so, if others are parked wrongly or spaced too much, it is near impossible to fix alone. In addition to this point, I also have another point to my parking. As I parked in the last space in the middle rows of Tamarack parking lot, I understood that you cannot park where the arrow on the sign points to No Parking. I then was later informed that the BSU Public Safety interprets this as before the sign, while I understood differently as with many, many other students do as well. This confusion in the parking lots is very common and can be interpreted in different ways. Most interpretations are where the arrow goes, not where the sign is. With a combination of this sign confusion and the loosely spaced parking, I was seen in violation of parking wrongly. I believe that this should be overturned and hopefully fixed to prevent others from the same confusion in the future.

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Appeal Board Decision: Accepted  Denied  Vote: Yes  No  Sustained