Parking Committee meeting September 19, 2024, 1:00 PM.

Present:

Leslie Bellig, Adam Berg, Jim Hansen, Casey McCarthy, Aaron Ebbighausen, Danelle Haugen, Mike Smith, Wade Wilson, Chris Molitor, Wade Wilson, Bill Joyce, Tom Beech.

Request from Station Engineer/Heating Plant Operators (Chris Molitor and Wade Wilson) to have permission to park in location outside of entrance to their workstation without buying a parking permit as required by BSU parking regulations.

The request was based upon the fact that it is state law that operators are always within five hundred feet of their workstation while on duty, therefore, if they must park more than five hundred feet away, they have no access to their vehicle. Wade informed the committee that engineers/operators maintain the parking spots in question by clearing snow when needed, so they were not asking for additional maintenance or help from anyone with upkeep of the parking spots.

The discussion by committee was about the fact that all students and faculty/staff must pay for a parking permit and if operators are given an exclusion from buying a permit, will there be other staff/faculty asking to get the same exclusion? One committee member said that a co-worker was waiting to hear if this request passes because if it does, they will be making the same request at the next meeting.

While it was understood that there is a law requiring operators to remain within five hundred feet of their workstation, and no other employee/student has that mandate, the requirement is the individual, not their vehicle.

Further discussion was that the price the operators must pay for their permit was not excessive.

A motion was made to deny the request. An anonymous vote to deny was approved. Public Safety employees were not allowed to vote on the motion.