



City of Lake St. Croix Beach
City Hall
16455 20th Street South
Lake St Croix Beach, MN 55043

PARKS COMMISSION
July 14th, 2026
6.00pm

This meeting will NOT be on video.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
Roll Call Scott Prater: _____
 Kris Peterson: _____
 Colin Sultan: _____
 Dave Witzel: _____
 Jo Sandom (Chair): _____
2. Public Comments
3. Approve Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve Agenda.
Motion made by: _____ 2nd _____
Discussion
Vote
4. Approve Minutes of May 12th, 2026 Meeting
 - a. Motion to approve Minutes of May 12th, 2026 meeting as presented/amended
Motion made by: _____ 2nd _____
Discussion
Vote
 - b. Note: June 9th Meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.
5. Swimming Beach - Discussion on fatality 7.5.26
6. Financial Report
- Parks budget/expenses
7. Review of Annual Calendar – July
- Boat Permit compliance inspection
- Updated Boat Permit List
- Updated Boat permit wait lists
- Shoreland Park clean-up day
- Heritage Day Plans
8. Lake Mallalieu Draw down
9. Staff Reports and Updates
 - a. Interim City Clerk - Mary Ashby
 - Baseball Teams Update – all teams paid and user agreements signed
 - Mutt Mitt bags.
 - Riverfront Park – Request for shower.
 - Pettitt Park - Netting
 - Beach Access Mats / Playground Equipment
 - b. Beach Manager - Bob Shearer
 - 4th July recap

10. Commissioner Reports

Prater

Peterson

Sultan

Witzel

Chair Sandom

11. Adjourn



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Minutes

1. Call to Order at 6.02 pm
Roll Call: Present: Scott Prater, Kris Peterson, Colin Sultan, Dave Witzel and Chair Jo Sandom.
Also present: Tim Schneider, Council Liaison; Bob Shearer, Beach Manager;
2. Public Comments: Jon Place talked about the raffle he is holding at The Beach Bar to raise funds for Pettitt Park.
3. Approve Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve Agenda.
Motion made by: Jo Sandom 2nd Scott Prater
Vote: Prater - Aye
Peterson - Aye
Sultan - Aye
Witzel - Aye
Chair Sandom - Aye
Motion passed 5:0
4. Approve Minutes of April 14th, 2026, Meeting
 - b. Motion to approve Minutes of April 14th, 2026 meeting as presented
Motion made by: Jo Sandom 2nd Scott Prater
Vote: Prater - Aye
Peterson - Aye
Sultan - Aye
Witzel - Aye
Chair Sandom - Aye
Motion passed 5:0
5. Financial Report
Reports reviewed.
6. Review of Annual Calendar – May
 - Beach CleanUp – There is a green/white kayak on the beach. No-one knows who it belongs to. It has been at the foot of the riprap all winter.
 - Boat permit Wait list offers: Current list reviewed and two new permit holders will be offered permits for the two open spots.Motion to recommend to City Council to approve the permit applications for 2026 except for #26 and #35
Motion made by: Scott Prater 2nd Jo Sandom
Vote: Prater - Aye
Peterson - Aye
Sultan - Aye
Witzel - Aye
Chair Sandom - Aye
Motion passed 5:0

Motion to offer permits to next two names on the wait list (and continue down the list of these two defer)

Motion made by: Colin Sultan 2nd Jo Sandom

Vote: Prater - Aye
Peterson - Aye
Sultan - Aye
Witzel - Aye
Chair Sandom - Aye

Motion passed 5:0

- Swim beach buoys - will be out in the river before Memorial Day Holiday. Six new buoys were purchased at the end of last year's season to replace the old ones that were waterlogged and sinking.

7. Staff Reports and Updates

a. Interim City Clerk - Mary Ashby

- Baseball Teams Update – VAA signed the Use Agreement in January for 2026. The Use Agreement was sent to Afton Red Sox Team for their signature. Interim City Clerk Ashby provided Jon Place, owner of The Beach Bar, a copy of the Use Agreement for the Volleyball Courts that are on city property. This Use Agreement was the same one provided by City Attorney Benson but with a few sections deleted as not being relevant and scheduled times of use included. Jon Place made comments regarding the use of the volleyball courts over the years and it was recognized that he does a lot of maintenance to keep them in good order. Jon has also organized a raffle through the Bayport Legion to raise money for Pettitt Park. Thought was given to using this money for additional netting around the baseball field. Bathrooms are needed at Pettitt Park as people go into the Beach Bar to use the facilities. Field needs maintenance, overseeding and weeding.

- Park Equipment Inventory list review - A spreadsheet with Park Equipment listed and conditions noted has been developed. This spreadsheet still needs information on age of items to help with budgeting for replacement items in the future.

- Riverfront Park Playground mulch delivered - 70 cubic yards of mulch was delivered to Riverfront Park playground area. Discussion was had about the playground floor at Pettitt Park. It is currently sand and there are weeds growing through. Potential move to have mulch laid down will be considered next year.

- Mutt Mitt Dispenser – It was agreed that the new Mutt Mitt dispenser would be installed on the post already situated at the south end of the levee. Comments were made that people are leaving full bags of dog waste in random areas around the city.

- Beach Access Mats / Playground Equipment – This item is a placeholder. Consider this over the summer and potentially apply for grants later in the year.

b. Bob Shearer – Bob has made changes to the pay machine so that it only takes credit cards, no cash. He provided signs around the lot stating that license numbers were needed for the ticket. This will stop the transfer of tickets between cars leaving and those coming in.

8. Commissioner Reports

Prater – Thanked Dave Witzel and Tim Schneider for their work in taking dead trees down along stair 2. Asked where we're at with the Vegetative Management Plan. It is currently with John Parotti City Engineer for his review. It will come back to Parks for a final review later this year. This will be a working document for the city.

Peterson – nothing to report

Sultan – nothing to report

Witzel – nothing to report

Chair Sandom – nothing to report.

Tim Schneider – nothing to report.

9. Adjourn 7.23pm

Parks Budget Analysis for 2026 as of June 30, 2026

Fund and Account Numbers/Description		2026 Annual Budget	Actual to Date	Variance	
101 General Fund					Over/(Under)
34100 Parks & Rec					
	34107 Park Rental	\$ 400.00	\$ 20.00	\$ (380.00)	
	34110 Beach Parking Permits	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 39,264.00	\$ (28,736.00)	
	34120 Watercraft Permits	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 5,880.00	\$ (620.00)	
	34130 Other Park Revenue	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ (650.00)	Beach Parking Fines
Total 34100 Parks & Rec		\$ 76,900.00	\$ 46,514.00	\$ (30,386.00)	
45000 Parks & Rec					
	45100 Park Wages & Benefits	\$ 14,772.00	\$ 3,596.73	\$ (11,175.27)	
	45105 Park Mnt, Supplies & Util (Includes 5% CC Fee)	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 7,639.30	\$ (5,360.70)	
	45107 Beach Patrol	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ (5,000.00)	
Total 45000 Parks & Rec		\$ 32,772.00	\$ 11,236.03	\$ (21,535.97)	
404 Pettitt Park		<i>This fund includes the banner fees</i>			
12/31/2025	Beginning Balance	\$ 3,697.72			
	Banner Fee Revenue	\$ 600.00	See Below		
	Revenue - Int/Donations, etc	\$ 1,152.78			
	Budgeted Transfer	\$ 500.00			
	Expenses	\$ -			
6/30/2026	Ending Balance	\$ 5,950.50			
	Budget 2026 Funding	\$ 500.00			
12/31/2026	Projected Balance	\$ 6,450.50			
405 Playground Imp Fund					
12/31/2025	Beginning Balance	\$ 10,422.98			
	Revenue - Int/Donations, etc	\$ 188.99			
	Budgeted Transfer	\$ 500.00			
	Expenses	\$ -			
	Expenses - Other	\$ -			
6/30/2026	Ending Balance	\$ 11,111.97			
	Budget 2026 Funding	\$ 500.00			
12/31/2026	Projected Balance	\$ 11,611.97			
450-58023 Park Imp Fund					
12/31/2025	Beginning Balance	\$ 5,594.79			
	Revenue - Donations, etc	\$ -			
	Budgeted Transfer	\$ 500.00			
		\$ -			
		\$ -			
		\$ -			
6/30/2026	Ending Balance	\$ 6,094.79			
	Budget 2026 Funding	\$ 500.00			
12/31/2026	Projected Balance	\$ 6,594.79			
Banner Fees:					
	Al's Automatic Transmission	200.00			
	Windmill Marina	200.00			
	Pinky's Sewer Service	200.00			

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Type	Date	Num	Source Name	Memo	Debit	Credit	Balance
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
34000 • Charges for Services							
34100 • Parks and Recreation							
34107 • Park Rental							
Sales Receipt	06/24/2026		Park Rental 34107	Park Rental - Nelson (6/23)	0.00	20.00	20.00
Total 34107 • Park Rental						20.00	20.00
34110 • Beach Parking Permit Fees							
Sales Receipt	03/17/2026		Beach Violation 34110	Parking Fines & Traffic Violation		30.00	30.00
Sales Receipt	04/20/2026		Beach Parking 34110	Parking Permit 2026		10.00	40.00
Sales Receipt	04/23/2026		Beach Parking 34110	Return for 2025 Bank Fraud - Goebel		72.00	112.00
General Journal	05/01/2026			To Correct March Entry	30.00		82.00
Deposit	05/31/2026			Beach Parking Receipts: Misc Credits		14,844.00	14,926.00
Sales Receipt	06/02/2026		Beach Parking 34110	Parking Permit 2026		10.00	14,936.00
Sales Receipt	06/02/2026		Beach Parking 34110	Parking Permit 2026		10.00	14,946.00
Sales Receipt	06/02/2026		Beach Parking 34110	Parking Permit 2026		10.00	14,956.00
Sales Receipt	06/03/2026		Beach Parking 34110	Parking Permit 2026		10.00	14,966.00
Sales Receipt	06/10/2026		Beach Parking 34110	Parking Permit 2026		10.00	14,976.00
Deposit	06/30/2026			Beach Parking Receipts: Misc Credits US Bank		24,288.00	39,264.00
Total 34110 • Beach Parking Permit Fees					30.00	39,294.00	39,264.00
34120 • Watercraft Permit Fees							
General Journal	01/01/2026			Reverse of GJE -- 1 - 2026 Boat Waiting List		5.00	5.00
Sales Receipt	01/08/2026	2025-62	Boat Waiting List 34120	Young - Boat Waiting List - 2026		5.00	10.00
Sales Receipt	01/08/2026		Boat Waiting List 34120	Shoen - Boat Waiting List - 2026		5.00	15.00
Sales Receipt	01/23/2026		Boat Waiting List 34120	Gould - Waiting List - 2026		5.00	20.00
Sales Receipt	01/28/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Feiertag - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Buoy 29)		135.00	155.00
Sales Receipt	01/28/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Love - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock 42)		135.00	290.00
Sales Receipt	01/28/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Sultan - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock 49E)		135.00	425.00
Sales Receipt	01/28/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Magill - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Buoy 15)		110.00	535.00
Sales Receipt	02/05/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Pergande - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock 6)		135.00	670.00
Sales Receipt	02/05/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Griffin - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock 16)		110.00	780.00
Sales Receipt	02/05/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Gallandat - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock 20)		135.00	915.00
Sales Receipt	02/05/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Kimber - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock 12)		135.00	1,050.00
Sales Receipt	02/12/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Prater - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock 47)		110.00	1,160.00
Sales Receipt	02/12/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Zilge - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock 14)		110.00	1,270.00
Sales Receipt	02/20/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Simonsen - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Buoy 17)		110.00	1,380.00
Sales Receipt	02/20/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Downing - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Buoy 10)		110.00	1,490.00
Sales Receipt	02/20/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Thole - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock 27)		110.00	1,600.00
Sales Receipt	02/20/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Danielson - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock 46)		110.00	1,710.00
Sales Receipt	03/06/2026		Boat Permits 34120	McCarthy - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (#2)		110.00	1,820.00
Sales Receipt	03/06/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Fanslow - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock 5)		110.00	1,930.00
Sales Receipt	03/06/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Paulson - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock 4)		110.00	2,040.00
Sales Receipt	03/06/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Murray/Paulson - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock 51E)		110.00	2,150.00
Sales Receipt	03/06/2026		Boat Permits 34120	White - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock 28)		135.00	2,285.00
Sales Receipt	03/06/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Beeble - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Permit/Buoy 1)		135.00	2,420.00
Sales Receipt	03/06/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Golden - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Buoy 25)		110.00	2,530.00

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Sales Receipt	03/06/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Sievert - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock 23)		135.00	2,665.00
Sales Receipt	03/10/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Drinkwine - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Buoy 32)		110.00	2,775.00
Sales Receipt	03/10/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Wanless - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Buoy #22)		135.00	2,910.00
Sales Receipt	03/10/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Marzoffi - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Dock/Boat #40)		135.00	3,045.00
Sales Receipt	03/10/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Johnson - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock #44)		110.00	3,155.00
Sales Receipt	03/10/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Wald - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock/Buoy #38)		245.00	3,400.00
Sales Receipt	03/10/2026		Boat Permits 34120	O'Donnell - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock/Buoy #48E)		270.00	3,670.00
Sales Receipt	03/10/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Weber - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock #50E)		110.00	3,780.00
Sales Receipt	03/13/2026		Boat Waiting List 34120	Hillman - Waiting List - 2026		5.00	3,785.00
Sales Receipt	03/13/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Streeter - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Buoy #3)		110.00	3,895.00
Sales Receipt	03/13/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Sandom - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock #45)		110.00	4,005.00
Sales Receipt	03/13/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Antonello - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock #7)		110.00	4,115.00
Sales Receipt	03/13/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Jorde - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock #8)		110.00	4,225.00
Sales Receipt	03/13/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Connors - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock #41)		110.00	4,335.00
Sales Receipt	03/13/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Bulera - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock #33)		110.00	4,445.00
Sales Receipt	03/13/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Meyers - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Buoy #9)		135.00	4,580.00
Sales Receipt	03/13/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Breger - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Buoy #34)		135.00	4,715.00
Sales Receipt	03/17/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Mastny - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock #11)		135.00	4,850.00
Sales Receipt	03/17/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Rutz - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Buoy #18)		110.00	4,960.00
Sales Receipt	03/17/2026		Boat Permits 34120	March - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Buoy #21)		110.00	5,070.00
Sales Receipt	03/17/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Evig - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock #24)		160.00	5,180.00
Sales Receipt	03/17/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Fischer - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock #24)		110.00	5,340.00
Sales Receipt	03/17/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Robinson - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock #13)		110.00	5,450.00
Sales Receipt	03/17/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Anders - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock #31)		110.00	5,560.00
Sales Receipt	04/07/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Arenson - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Dock #30)		110.00	5,670.00
Sales Receipt	04/08/2026		Boat Waiting List 34120	O'Donnell - 4 Replacement Stickers		40.00	5,710.00
Sales Receipt	04/20/2026		Boat Waiting List 34120	Gott - Waiting List - 2026		5.00	5,715.00
Sales Receipt	05/22/2026		Boat Waiting List 34120	Buechter - Waiting List - 2026		5.00	5,720.00
Sales Receipt	06/02/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Tomaszewski - Waiting List - 2026		5.00	5,725.00
Sales Receipt	06/10/2026		Boat Waiting List 34120	Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Shore Boat #10)		25.00	5,750.00
Sales Receipt	06/17/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Vannelli - Waiting List - 2026		5.00	5,755.00
Sales Receipt	06/17/2026		Boat Permits 34120	Galles - Boat Permit Fee 2026 (Boat/Buoy #??)		110.00	5,865.00
Sales Receipt	06/29/2026		Boat Waiting List 34120	Breger - Boat Stickers		10.00	5,875.00
Sales Receipt	06/29/2026		Boat Waiting List 34120	Pantila-Mazur - Waiting List - 2026		5.00	5,880.00
Total 34120 - Watercraft Permit Fees					0.00	5,880.00	5,880.00
34130 - Other Park Revenue							
General Journal	05/01/2026			To Correct March Entry		30.00	30.00
Sales Receipt	05/22/2026		Beach Violation 34130	Parking Fines & Traffic Violations		30.00	60.00
Sales Receipt	06/02/2026		Beach Violation 34130	Parking Fines & Traffic Violations (6)		180.00	240.00
Sales Receipt	06/03/2026		Beach Violation 34130	Parking Fines & Traffic Violations (2)		60.00	300.00
Sales Receipt	06/10/2026		Beach Violation 34130	Parking Fines & Traffic Violations (7)		210.00	510.00
Sales Receipt	06/17/2026		Beach Violation 34130	Parking Fines & Traffic Violations (9)		320.00	830.00

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Sales Receipt	06/24/2026		Beach Violation 34130	Parking Fines & Traffic Violations (11)		405.00	1,235.00
Sales Receipt	06/29/2026		Beach Violation 34130	Parking Fines & Traffic Violations (3)		115.00	1,350.00
Total 34130 - Other Park Revenue					0.00	1,350.00	1,350.00
Total 34100 - Parks and Recreation					30.00	46,544.00	46,514.00
Total 34000 - Charges for Services					30.00	46,544.00	46,514.00
Total Income					30.00	46,544.00	46,514.00
Expense							
100 - Wages, Salaries & Benefits							
115 - Employer Paid Soc Sec Taxes							
Paycheck	05/15/2026	260514	Shearer, Robert A	Direct Deposit	33.65		33.65
Paycheck	05/29/2026	260604	Shearer, Robert A	Direct Deposit	42.44		76.09
Paycheck	06/15/2026	260615	Shearer, Robert A	Direct Deposit	66.54		142.63
Paycheck	06/30/2026	260704	Shearer, Robert A	Direct Deposit	50.47		193.10
Total 115 - Employer Paid Soc Sec Taxes					193.10	0.00	193.10
116 - Employer Paid Medicare Taxes							
Paycheck	05/15/2026	260514	Shearer, Robert A	Direct Deposit	7.87		7.87
Paycheck	05/29/2026	260604	Shearer, Robert A	Direct Deposit	9.93		17.80
Paycheck	06/15/2026	260615	Shearer, Robert A	Direct Deposit	15.56		33.36
Paycheck	06/30/2026	260704	Shearer, Robert A	Direct Deposit	11.80		45.16
Total 116 - Employer Paid Medicare Taxes					45.16	0.00	45.16
121 - Employer Paid PERA							
Paycheck	05/15/2026	260514	Shearer, Robert A	Direct Deposit	40.71		40.71
Paycheck	05/29/2026	260604	Shearer, Robert A	Direct Deposit	51.34		92.05
Paycheck	06/15/2026	260615	Shearer, Robert A	Direct Deposit	80.49		172.54
Paycheck	06/30/2026	260704	Shearer, Robert A	Direct Deposit	61.06		233.60
Total 121 - Employer Paid PERA					233.60	0.00	233.60
Total 100 - Wages, Salaries & Benefits					471.86	0.00	471.86
45000 - Parks & Recreation							
45100 - Park Wages & Benefits							
Paycheck	05/15/2026	260514	Shearer, Robert A	Direct Deposit	542.74		542.74
Paycheck	05/29/2026	260604	Shearer, Robert A	Direct Deposit	684.59		1,227.33
Paycheck	06/15/2026	260615	Shearer, Robert A	Direct Deposit	912.79		2,140.12
Paycheck	06/15/2026	260615	Shearer, Robert A	Direct Deposit	160.36		2,300.48
Paycheck	06/30/2026	260704	Shearer, Robert A	Direct Deposit	814.11		3,114.59
Total 45100 - Park Wages & Benefits					3,114.59	0.00	3,114.59

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Type	Date	Num	Source Name	Memo	Debit	Credit	Balance
45105 - Park Maint, Supplies & Util							
Bill	01/07/2026	9609613	Xcel Energy 5536 (EFT)	Beach 16763 20th St S Premises 302451496 Meter 86433588	8.69		8.69
Bill	01/07/2026	960141212	Xcel Energy 6284 (EFT)	Premise 303864763 1910 Riviera Ave S Meter 89456453	8.69		17.38
Bill	01/07/2026	960106494	Xcel Energy 8596 (EFT)	Beach 16763 20th St S Premises 302451496 Meter 86433588	8.69		26.07
Bill	01/23/2026		US Bank Credit Card (EFT)	Mutt Mitts	163.43		189.50
Bill	02/09/2026	964386085	Xcel Energy 5536 (EFT)	Beach 16763 20th St S Premises 302451496 Meter 86433588	8.69		198.19
Bill	02/09/2026	964450419	Xcel Energy 6284 (EFT)	Premise 303864763 1910 Riviera Ave S Meter 89456453	8.69		206.88
Bill	02/09/2026	964448826	Xcel Energy 8596 (EFT)	Beach 16763 20th St S Premises 302451496 Meter 86433588	8.69		215.57
General Journal				Credit not applied to Check #260210		0.93	214.64
Bill	03/10/2026	968487515	Xcel Energy 8596 (EFT)	Beach 16763 20th St S Premises 302451496 Meter 86433588	8.69		223.33
Bill	03/12/2026	968915529	Xcel Energy 6284 (EFT)	Premise 303864763 1910 Riviera Ave S Meter 89456453	8.69		232.02
Credit	03/12/2026		Xcel Energy 5536 (EFT)	Beach 16763 20th St S Premises 302451496 Meter 86433588		41.31	190.71
Bill	04/08/2026	972524861	Xcel Energy 5536 (EFT)	Beach 16763 20th St S Premises 302451496 Meter 86433588	8.69		199.40
Bill	04/08/2026	972592393	Xcel Energy 6284 (EFT)	Premise 303864763 1910 Riviera Ave S Meter 89456453	8.69		208.09
Bill	04/08/2026	972562754	Xcel Energy 8596 (EFT)	Beach 16763 20th St S Premises 302451496 Meter 86433588	8.69		216.78
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General Journal				Bob Shearer: Reimburse Expense	18.40		2,157.93
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34100 Rev & 45000 Exp Parks & Rec - Gen Fund
January through June 2026

Type	Date	Num	Source Name	Memo	Debit	Credit	Balance
Bill	06/25/2026	BP-9749	Biller Press	500 - Yellow Parking Tickets	391.83		7,584.48
General Journal	06/30/2026	PR Exp		Bob Shearer: Beach Groomer Repairs, Gator Gas	54.82		7,639.30
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Total 45000 - Parks & Recreation					10,802.69	48.80	10,753.89
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Paycheck	05/29/2026	260604	Shearer, Robert A	Direct Deposit	2.26		4.05
Paycheck	06/15/2026	260615	Shearer, Robert A	Direct Deposit	3.54		7.59
Paycheck	06/30/2026	260704	Shearer, Robert A	Direct Deposit	2.69		10.28
Total 6560 - Payroll Expenses					10.28	0.00	10.28
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Net Ordinary Income					11,314.83	46,592.80	35,277.97
Net Income					11,314.83	46,592.80	35,277.97

Temporary dam drawdown threatens to flush significant sediment into St. Croix River

Lake association proposes solution to mud accumulation, but opponents say it would simply send pollution downstream.

By **Greg Seitz** | June 26, 2026 | Reading Time: 8 minutes

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Lake Mallalieu (Greg Seitz/St. Croix 360)

A proposal to lower Lake Mallalieu in Hudson this winter to remove sediment from the body of water at the mouth of the Willow River is currently being discussed at several levels of government. Proposal opponents say it would merely send the problem downstream, as the sediment would be released into the St. Croix River, which is already struggling with excess nutrients.

Mallalieu is an artificial lake formed by water held back by a dam at its confluence with the St. Croix River. The Lake Mallalieu Association says that sediment carried from upstream has made large areas of the lake shallow, mucky, unusable for recreation, and poor habitat for fish and other wildlife. They propose drawing down the lake by 7.5 feet beginning in September and continuing until next spring.

"There are large parts of this lake that are now unnavigable," said Jeff Lavers, president of the Lake Mallalieu Association, at a May 14 county meeting.

After a previous proposal to dredge the lake was found to be unworkable, the latest idea is to draw down the impoundment and allow the Willow River to

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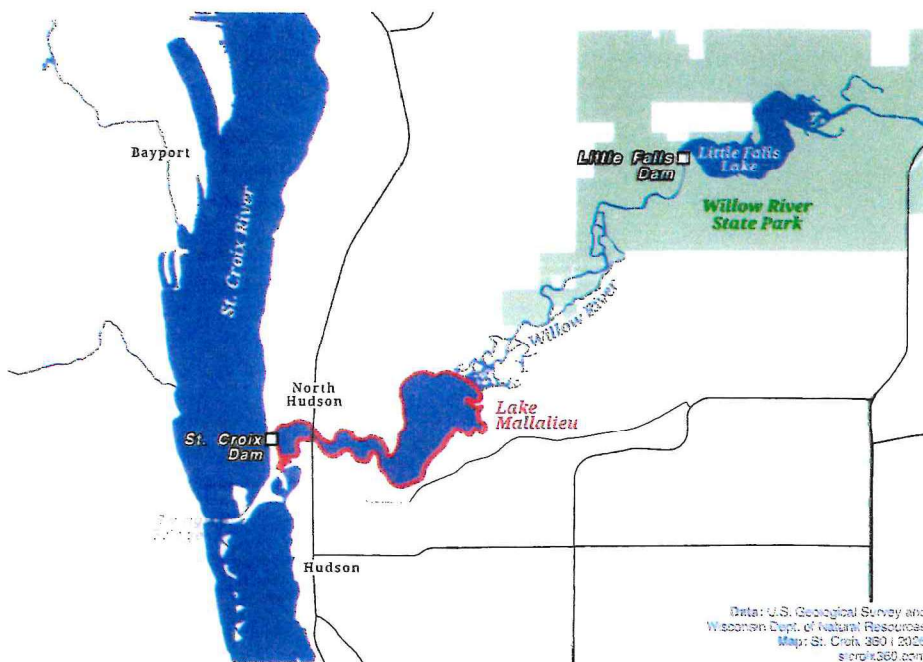


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flow through the lakebed and carry away some of the sediment. A similar proposal last year failed when the City of Hudson, which is a part owner of the Mallalieu dam and therefore has to approve the application, withdrew support from the project.

The dam at the outlet of the lake is owned by four different municipalities: St. Croix County, the City of Hudson, Town of Hudson, and North Hudson. Each of the government bodies must support the drawdown for it to be considered by the Department of Natural Resources. In the past couple months, the proposal has been discussed by each body, and support has been tentative. In July, two of the governments will consider if they should stay involved in the project.

Runoff reductions



Project opponents say the drawdown should not happen, but instead efforts should continue to reduce erosion and runoff into the Willow River.

"Our local governments should work together throughout the Willow River's 182,000-acre watershed to reduce runoff of sediments carrying phosphorous, nitrogen, and other pollutants into the 70-mile long Willow River, instead of allowing a drawdown of the Lake Mallalieu impoundment that will not improve Lake Mallalieu's water quality but will harm the St. Croix River's water quality," says Celeste Koeberl, a Lake Mallalieu resident who has advocated against the idea.

Wild Rivers Conservancy of the St. Croix and Namekagon also opposes the plan. The organization says the drawdown would contaminate the St. Croix and effectively wipe out years of work to reduce pollution in the river.

The group estimates the drawdown would release between 21,000 and nearly 48,000 pounds of phosphorus into the St. Croix. They point to calculations

that one pound of phosphorus can fuel the growth of 300 to 500 pounds of algae.

"This project would undermine years of investment and progress made right here in St. Croix County," executive director Matt Poppleton said.

Since 2012, Lake St. Croix, the 25-mile stretch from Stillwater to Prescott, has been under a plan developed by the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin and other partners, and approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, to reduce nutrients in the water. Excess phosphorus flows in from cropland and cities, fueling the algae blooms.

Poppleton said the county and its partners have invested over \$4.4 million in conservation practices to reduce phosphorus runoff by 11,800 pounds every year, and that the phosphorus released in the drawdown could erase \$1.4 million to \$3.3 million worth of conservation work.

Wildlife impacts



The St. Croix River at the mouth of the Willow River with the lower part of Lake Mallalieu in the background. (Greg Seitz/St. Croix 360)

The proposed 7.5-foot, 8-month drawdown is considered a significant drop and will have major impacts on Mallalieu and the St. Croix. When the application was considered last year, DNR experts on several topics offered their professional opinions on how it could affect the lake and the St. Croix River.

Lisie Kitchel, a biologist with the Wisconsin DNR, wrote that the Swing Bridge railroad trestle spanning the St. Croix just below the mouth of Lake Mallalieu is home to both Higgins eye and Spectaclecase mussels, both of which are on the list of endangered species. In 2024, she wrote that there are several kinds of mussels protected by the Endangered Species Act that live in

the area and sediment release could harm them either by burying them or from harmful substances in the material.

The following year, Kitchel reported she had talked to colleagues in Minnesota about the issue and was no longer concerned. In consultation with colleagues, they decided attempting to move mussels before the drawdown would do more harm than leaving them in place. "I am now comfortable that the potential for significant impacts from the [sediment] would not negatively impact the mussels downstream," she wrote.

On the other hand, a DNR fish expert said the drawdown would wipe out any fish living in Lake Mallalieu.

"With the current proposal very little water will be left in the flowage with a small 4.5-foot pool of water that will be near the existing structure," wrote Heath Benike, Fisheries Area Supervisor based in Eau Claire. "In the wintertime ice will form and the actual water depth of that pool would be in the 2.5 foot range. This is not sufficient for survival of fish. The fish will either get discharged to the St. Croix River or likely stay in the pool and die during the winter."

Lake association president Lavers said at the May 14 committee meeting that the sedimentation of the lake has already damaged the fishery. "Our bass population is down significantly and our carp population is up dramatically," Lavers said.

The DNR's Benike also raised concerns about the precedent such a drawdown could set.

"I don't want to be in a situation where we are allowing large drawdowns to be detrimental to the fishery, aquatic life and recreational use opportunities as a common management practice," he wrote. "This could catch on and other flowages in the area might be advocating for similar management options since we have permitted this elsewhere."

Benike and others said the proposed 7.5-foot drawdown seemed extreme, and suggested a less drastic option. "I think advocating for something in the 5 foot range seems reasonable and appropriate," he wrote.

Muck management



Lake Mallalieu (Greg Seitz/St. Croix 360)

The DNR's Benike also wrote that a related issue to the fish kill is that the small pool of water left in Mallalieu during the drawdown won't be enough to capture sand that is moving through, raising the risk of that material flowing into the St. Croix.

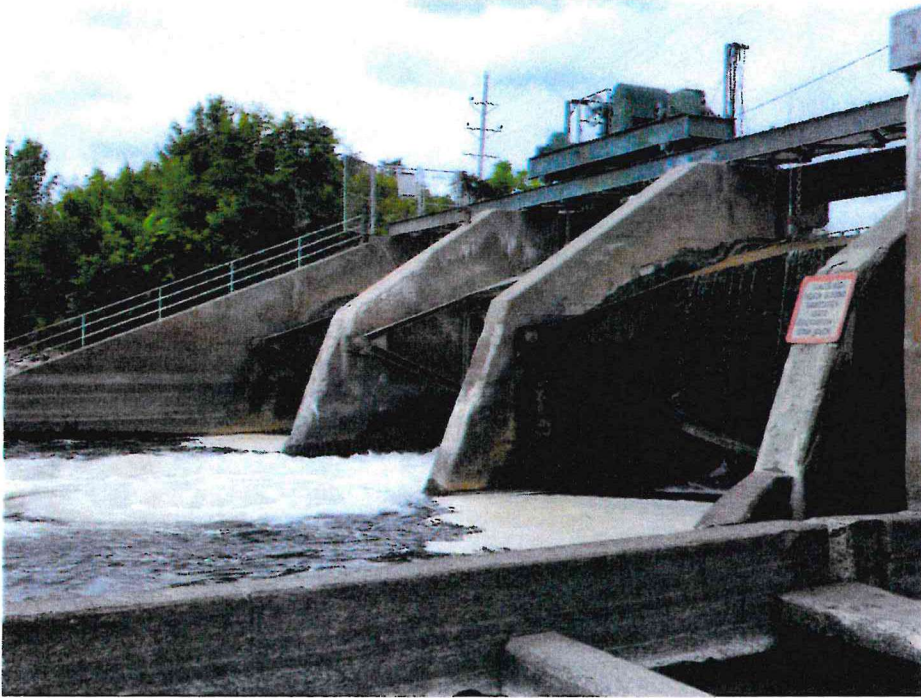
How much sediment might be released, how much phosphorous it could contain, and how that would affect Lake St. Croix remain persistent questions and concerns.

"The proposal only shifts the water quality impacts by transferring the accumulated sediment and phosphorus downstream to Lake St Croix," county land and water department staff wrote in a memo to the Community Development Committee last month. "The wide range of predicted sediment and phosphorus release from modeling results indicates that the drawdown process is somewhat unpredictable. The process is driven by weather events that occur during the drawdown period."

The staff proposed that the drawdown should include monitoring and triggers for ending the drawdown if sediment is having a significant impact on the St. Croix River.

"Any approved drawdown should include enforceable operational thresholds tied to turbidity, total suspended solids, phosphorus concentrations, dissolved oxygen, and downstream monitoring results, with authority to pause or terminate the drawdown if impacts exceed predicted conditions," staff wrote.

Political maneuvering



Dam at the Lake Mallalieu outlet. (Greg Seitz/St. Croix 360)

After the St. Croix County board initially offered its tentative support for the project, a key committee has now passed a resolution calling on the board to reverse that support.

At the June 18 meeting of the county's Community Development Committee, numerous individuals spoke against the drawdown. Wild Rivers Conservancy's natural resources manager Marc White disputed the lake association's findings that phosphorus discharges would be relatively low. Instead, he said the drawdown would represent an unprecedented release.

"The Lake Mallalieu drawdown authorization is a permission slip for what will be the largest point source discharge of a regulated pollutant into the St. Croix river in documented history," White said.

After discussion among the committee members, the committee voted unanimously to pass the resolution calling for the full county board to rescind its support for the drawdown.

The St. Croix County Board will consider the resolution and whether the county should rescind its support for the drawdown at its [next scheduled meeting on July 7](#). The City of Hudson will hold a [public hearing on the proposal on July 20](#). A public forum about the proposal organized by the Lake Mallalieu Association for July 6 has been cancelled, with the DNR planning to host a replacement event at an undetermined future date.

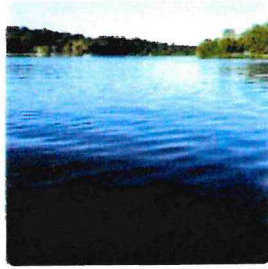
If all four units of government with a stake in the dam approve the application, it will be sent to the DNR, which will initiate a public comment period before making a decision.

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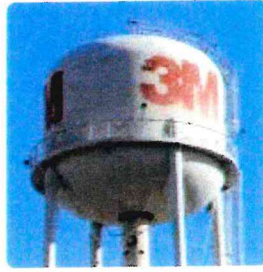
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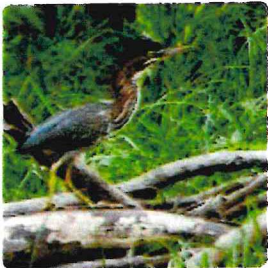
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