

North Central Bass Singles Series
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City Council of Breezy Point

Request: City permission to utilize boat access and overflow parking at East Ball Field lot on 7/27/2025

Dear David and Members of Breezy Point City Council,

I, Mike Wendt, am formally requesting permission, on behalf of North Central Bass, to utilize the city owned boat access and overflow parking lot, located East of the City ball field on Sunday July 27th, for the purposes of a bass fishing tournament.

The event hours are from 7am to 3pm, with all pre- and post-tournament activities being held outside of Dockside at Breezy Point Resort. The event is open to a maximum of 35 boats. The event has a required pre-tournament meeting at 6:45am, with take-off being at 7am. Weigh-in follows the event starting at 3pm and is usually completed within an hour, or less. Anglers are allowed to utilize any boat access, however, with the event being held in Breezy Bay, I expect this access to receive the most use. North Central Bass last held an event on Pelican Lake in July of 2024, and there were no issues to my knowledge, and the field East of the City Ball field, easily accommodated the parking needs.

Per the MN DNR, a parking plan is now required as part of the permitting process. The plan states that tournament anglers cannot utilize more than 50% of the parking places of the combined accesses, on said body of water. If more than 50% of parking places are needed, an alternative parking plan is needed. Example: private party parking, city streets or parking lots, dining establishments, etc., all of which would require permission.

Associated with the parking plan, there is also concern of congestion at the access. As I have fished tournaments in the Brainerd Lakes Area for the last 15 years, I have seen that the congestion is minimal and very controlled. Many anglers arrive very early to beat the traffic, and those that are not so early are both patient and helpful. Competing anglers assist other anglers, both competitors and non-competitors, to keep the flow of boats in and out, moving quickly. I see this as being at worst a minor inconvenience, and at best a non-issue.

I hope that this letter satisfies any questions and concerns, and grants permission for North Central Bass to utilize the city boat access and overflow parking.

Respectfully,
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