

Swan Lake Memorial Gardens
5700 E US Hwy 20
Michigan City, IN 46360



Greenwood Cemetery
153 Tilden Ave
Michigan City, IN 46360

April 9, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Cemetery Trustees of Michigan City was called to order by President Davis Bush on April 9, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at Swan Lake Memorial Gardens, 5700 E. Hwy 20, Michigan City, Indiana.

The following members responded to roll call:

Davis Bush	Vera Gaston-absent
Bernadette Dimke	Cat Houchins
Renee Bauer	open
open	Superintendent Loniewski

Minutes of March 12, 2026-as received in person. Upon a motion to approve by Cat Houchins. Second by Renee Bauer. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on Horizon Bank investments. A motion was made to table until May 14, 2026 board meeting.

Horizon Bank Financial Report-Cemetery Financial Report for March 2026

Upon a motion to approve by Cat Houchins. Second by Bernadette Dimke. All Board Members present approved. Motion carried.

Bills were presented for payment- accepted upon motion by Cat Houchins. Second by Renee Bauer. All Board Members are present approved. Approval was given for payment.

Superintendent Report:

- **Board member retirement**

Steve Janus, one of our long-term Board members, has decided to retire. Superintendent Loniewski would like to thank Steve for his service. Steve has been a great community partner in Michigan City. Thank you, Steve.

The Cemetery Board has 2 open Board member positions. If anyone is interested in becoming a Cemetery Board member, you must live within Michigan City School limits and be a deed owner at Greenwood or Swan Lake Memorial Gardens.

- **Greenwood fence damage**

Greenwood Cemetery fence was damaged in an accident. Superintendent Loniewski explained that 4 sections of fence, 3 fence posts and a Nipsco utility pole were damaged. The driver has insurance.

- **Swan deaths necropsy results**

Superintendent Loniewski received the necropsy report on the swans. The necropsy was inconclusive; it did show signs of liver failure in both swans. A new pair of swans should be donated in the fall from the swan breeder free of charge.

- **New signage update**

All the department signage was replaced with the Community Activation Grant through the Mayor's office. The Cemetery Department office signs were done under Mayor Oberlie term. Superintendent Loniewski suggests replacing the Cemetery Department office signs to complete all signage being replaced and updated. The replacement cost with Reprographic Arts, Inc. is \$590.00.

A motion to accept Reprographic Arts, Inc. \$590.00 by Renee Bauer. Second by Bernadette Dimke. Motion carried.

- **Winter sod replacement**

Superintendent Loniewski explained to the Cemetery Board members that in the winter months sometimes it is difficult to save the sod in the process of doing interment burials. With not having a working irrigation system it is hard to have grass seed grow at Swan Lake Memorial Gardens. Superintendent Loniewski has received rolls of sod free for a trial in winter sod replacement.

- **Votive stand sales update**

Greenwood Mausoleum Votive Stand has 4 families that have purchased. There are 30 vases and engraving plates available for a \$100.00 lifetime.

- **2026 building improvements**

Superintendent Loniewski held a discussion on 2026 building improvements approved by the Cemetery Board.

*Greenwood Cemetery Office Building

exterior painting

soffit/gutters

*Greenwood Maintenance Building

Exterior painting

Soffit/gutters

The 2027 Cemetery Department project will be the Greenwood Cemetery fence.

- **Seasonal hiring**

All Greenwood Cemetery seasonal employees are returning this year except for 1 person. There is 1 open position to hire, and all seasonal employees will return on Monday, April 13, 2026

Burials

Greenwood	7 cremains	2 full burials	0 entombment	total 9
Swan Lake	8 cremains	2 full burials	0 entombment	<u>total 10</u>
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A motion to accept the Superintendent report by Cat Houchins. Second by Renee Bauer. Motion carried.

Old Business

Superintendent Loniewski showed the Cemetery Board members pictures of Greenwood Cemetery Maintenance Building breakroom floor completion.

The Green Burial test results should be at the May 2026 Board meeting.

Board member Bernadette Dimke held a discussion about the cleaning of the statues at Swan Lake Memorial Gardens. The Public Art Committee will have the option of Swan Lake Memorial Gardens for the placement of a statue.

Superintendent Loniewski held a discussion of developing a Master Plan in the future.

New Business

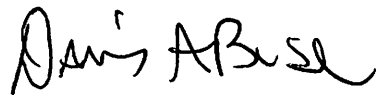
Superintendent Loniewski notified that there are close to 14,000 entries into CemSites. CemSites is the Cemetery Department for data management software.

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Public Comment

none

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:41 pm by Cat Houchins. Second by Bernadette Dimke. Motion carried. Next meeting will be held at Swan Lake Memorial Garden's Office Complex on May 14, 2026, at 3:00pm.



Davis Bush-President



Bernadette Dimke-Secretary



Denice Osos-Recorder