

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



Greenwood Cemetery
153 Tilden Ave
Michigan City, IN 46360

May 14, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Cemetery Trustees of Michigan City was called to order by President Davis Bush on May 14, 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
Bernadette Dimke	Cat Houchins
Renee Bauer	open
open	Superintendent Loniewski

Minutes of April 9, 2026-as received in person. Upon a motion to approve by Renee Bauer. Second by Cat Houchins. Motion carried.

Horizon Bank Financial Report-Cemetery Financial Report for April 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:

- **Green Burials**

Superintendent Loniewski updated the Cemetery Board on the Green Burials test results. Ted Perzanowski and Larry Zimmer attended today's Board Meeting.

- **Greenwood Cemetery water disruption**

Superintendent Loniewski made a public announcement: Earlier this month the water was turned on at Greenwood Cemetery. Unfortunately, there was a water leak in the Sinai Temple section; this happened when they had a burial earlier this year. The Michigan City Cemetery Department has no affiliations to Sinai Temple Cemetery section; Sinai Temple is totally responsible. The water at Greenwood Cemetery cannot be turned on until the water leak is fixed.

- **Greenwood fence damage**

Superintendent Loniewski updated the Cemetery Board on the Greenwood Cemetery fence damage. 4 sections of the fence and 3 fence posts were damaged. Superintendent Loniewski is working with the motorist's insurance company.

- **New signage update**

The Cemetery Department office signs at Greenwood Cemetery and Swan Lake Memorial Gardens have been installed.

- **Cemsites Contract extension**

Cemsites annual contract is \$6300.00. Superintendent Loniewski held a discussion about Cemsites offering to extend a 5-year contract for \$6300.00 to be paid annually. Next annual payment due to Cemsites is in August of 2026.

Burials

Greenwood	9 cremains	6 full burials	0 entombment	total 15
Swan Lake	2 cremains	10 full burials	2 entombment	<u>total 14</u>

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A motion to accept the Superintendent report by Renee Bauer. Second by Cat Houchins. Motion carried.

Old Business

Board member Bunny Dimke explained she appeared before the Public Art Commission to discuss the restoration of Swan Lake Memorial Gardens monuments. The Public Art Commission suggested:

Unity Foundation

Barker Welfare Foundation

Lake Michigan Coastal

Guest

Ted Perzanowski and Larry Zimmer asked the Cemetery Board and Superintendent Loniewski for a Green Burial test update. Superintendent Loniewski discusses the test vault has moved between 1½ inch to 2 inches within the time of the test in the Garden of Peace at Swan Lake Memorial Gardens. Superintendent Loniewski recommended the Cemetery Board to be addressed at the June 11, 2026, meeting.

New Business

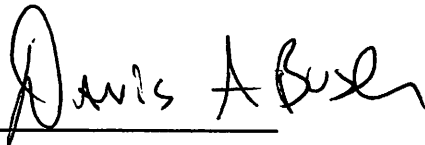
Superintendent Loniewski explained the seasonal staff returned to work at the beginning of April and have been working diligently and are doing a phenomenal job. The Memorial Day Parade will take place at Greenwood Cemetery on Monday, May 25, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Superintendent Loniewski notified the Cemetery Board that one of the seasonal employees backed into a Cemetery Department vehicle with his personnel vehicle leaving for lunch break. It has been reported to the Michigan City HR Department.

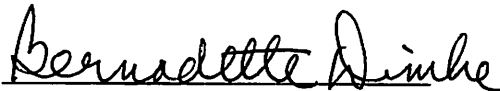
Public Comment

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A motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:36 pm by Cat Houchins. Second by Bernadette Dimke. Motion carried. Next meeting will be held at Swan Lake Memorial Garden's Office Complex on June 11, 2026, at 3:00pm.



Davis Bush-President



Bernadette Dimke-Secretary



Denice Osos-Recorder