

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



Greenwood Cemetery
153 Tilden Ave
Michigan City, IN 46360

June 11, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Cemetery Trustees of Michigan City was called to order by President Davis Bush on June 11, 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 May 14, 2026-as received in person. Upon a motion to approve by Cat Houchins. Second by Bernadette Dimke. Motion carried.

Horizon Bank Financial Report-Cemetery Financial Report for May 2026

Upon a motion to approve by Cat Houchins. Second by Renee Bauer. 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 explained to the Cemetery Board the results of the Green Burial vault test. Serenity Garden at Swan Lake Memorial Gardens is the best garden for the Green Burial area. Superintendent Losiewski explained if the Cemetery Board votes to go forward, the next step would be to:

- *Rules for the public
- *Policies for the employees
- *Pricing
- *Location

President Davis Bush accept the proposal to move forward with Green Burials at Swan Lake Memorial Gardens. A motion to accept by Cat Houchins. Second by Renee Bauer. All Board Members present approved. Motion carried.

- **Memorial Day Ceremonies**

Memorial Day ceremonies 2026 were a success! The weather was beautiful and the staff did an amazing job. Former Indiana State Senate Jim Arnold gave the Cemetery Department compliments at the ceremony. Michigan City Council Member At Large Donald Przybylinski stated, "best cemetery in the state."

- **Greenwood Cemetery water disruption update**

Superintendent Loniewski updated the Cemetery Board on the Greenwood Cemetery water line that was broken in the Sinai Cemetery section. The City Cemetery Department is not responsible for any work done in the Sinai Cemetery section.

- **America in Bloom participation**

Superintendent Loniewski notified the Cemetery Board that Swan Lake Memorial Gardens and Greenwood Cemetery will be participating in American in Bloom for 2026 year.

- **Work One Work Experience Program**

The Cemetery Department will be receiving 2 employees for the Work One Work Experience Program for 6 weeks of employment projects.

*Landscaping around the Swan Lake office

*Finish the river rock at the Chapel of the Chimes Mausoleum

*Raise and level headstones

*Paint new signage poles at both cemeteries

*Concrete bowers at Greenwood Cemetery exterior fence line

- **Drive/Laborer open position**

The Cemetery Department currently has a full-time driver/laborer position opening at Swan Lake Memorial Gardens. It is posted on the City of Michigan City website at: emichigancity.com. Anybody interested can apply online.

Burials

Greenwood	4 cremains	3 full burials	0 entombment	total 7
Swan Lake	4 cremains	4 full burials	1 entombment	<u>total 9</u>

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A motion to accept the Superintendent report by Cat Houchins. Second by Bernadette Dimke. Motion carried.

Old Business

none

Guest

Lawrence Zimmer and Ted Perzanowski updated the Cemetery Board on public outreach effects on Green Burials and other choices of interment of burials.

New Business

Superintendent Loniewski notified the public that former Cemetery Board member Stephen Janus passed away on June 5, 2026. Stephen service will be tomorrow, June 12, 2026, at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church and following to the Chapel of Chimes Mausoleum at Swan Lake Memorial Gardens. Stephen Janus will be missed.

Public Comment

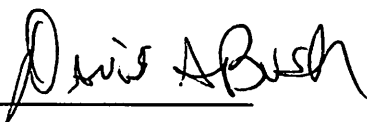
Abigail Neary – Michigan City Sustainability Commission

Nancy Moldenhauer – Michigan City Sustainability Commission City Council Liaison

Faye Moore- Michigan City Sustainability Commission

Em Racine – Michigan City Sustainability Commission

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 pm by Cat Houchins. Second by Bernadette Dimke. Motion carried. Next meeting will be held at Swan Lake Memorial Garden's Office Complex on July 9, 2026, at 3:00pm.

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Davis Bush-President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernadette Dimke", written over a horizontal line.

Bernadette Dimke-Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denice Osos", written over a horizontal line.

Denice Osos-Recorder