

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



Greenwood Cemetery
153 Tilden Ave
Michigan City, IN 46360

August 13, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Cemetery Trustees of Michigan City was called to order by President Davis Bush on August 13, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at Greenwood Cemetery, 153 Tilden Ave., 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 July 9, 2026-as received in person. Upon a motion to approve by Bernadette Dimke. Second by Cat Houchins. Motion carried.

Horizon Bank Financial Report-Cemetery Financial Report for July 2026 Upon a motion to approve by Cat Houchins. Second by Renee Bauer. All Board Members present approved. Motion carried.

Guest

Scott Meland a member of the Muslim community of Michigan City, IN asked the Cemetery Board to acquire an Islamic Garden at Swan Lake Memorial Gardens. To plan and develop a space for Muslims in the community to be buried. Mo Mroueh President of the Islamic Mosque was in attendance. Superintendent Loniewski held a discuss on the development in the future of a master plan with the Islamic Center of Michigan City, IN for a burial garden. Superintendent Loniewski suggested for a Memorandum of Understanding between the Cemetery Department of Michigan City and the Islamic Center.

A motion to table until September 10, 2026, Board meeting by Renee Bauer. Second by Cat Houchins. Motion carried.

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

Superintendent Report:

- **New F/T Driver/Laborer hired**

Superintendent Loniewski notified the Cemetery Board after the full-time driver/laborer position has been filled.

- **Green burial rules update**

Superintendent Loniewski held a discussion on the development of the green burial section in Swan Lake Memorial Gardens. Superintendent Loniewski suggests Serenity Gardens section 82, 83 and 84 as the location of the green burial section with a total of 22 graves.

A motion to table to continue the development of a green burial section in Swan Lake Memorial Gardens by Cat Houchins. Second by Renee Bauer. Motion carried.

- **Summer employee project**

The 2026 summer employee program has come to an end. With all the seasonal maintenance completed daily, the Chapel of Chimes had all the river rock landscaping redone.

- **Mausoleum pest control**

Superintendent Loniewski explained to the Cemetery Board members of complaints and concerns of Swan Lake Memorial Garden's mausoleum buildings.

Superintendent Loniewski informed the Cemetery Board members that Hatfield Pet Controls has been hired. The Cemetery Department is taking the concerns seriously.

- **2027 Budget**

The Cemetery Department had their 2027 Budget meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, with Mayor Angie and the Michigan City Controller's Office.

- **Storm damage**

The storm that came through northwest Indiana on August 11, 2026, did cause some significant damage to Greenwood Cemetery and Swan Lake Memorial Gardens. Thank you to Michigan City Street Department and Michigan City Sanitation Department for the help in the clean-up.

Burials

Greenwood	7 cremains	1 full burials	0 entombment	total 8
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Swan Lake	6 cremains	5 full burials	4 entombment	<u>total 15</u>
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A motion to accept the Superintendent report by Bernadette Dimke. Second by Cat Houchins. Motion carried.

Old Business

none

New Business

Cemetery Board Member Cat Houchins held a discussion about changing the ordinance for members of Board of Trustees establishment.

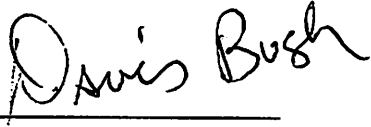
Public Comment

Scott Meland

Mo Mroueh

Lawrence Zimmer

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:59pm by Cat Houchins. Second by Renee Bauer.
Motion carried. Next meeting will be held at Swan Lake Memorial Garden's Office Complex
on September 10, 2026, at 3:00pm.

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Davis Bush-President

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bernadette Dimke".

Bernadette Dimke-Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denice Osos".

Denice Osos-Recorder

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