

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



Greenwood Cemetery
153 Tilden Ave
Michigan City, IN 46360

September 10, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Cemetery Trustees of Michigan City was called to order by President Davis Bush on September 10, 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-absent	Cat Houchins
Renee Bauer	open
open	Superintendent Loniewski

Minutes of August 13, 2026-as received in person. Upon a motion to approve by Cat Houchins. Second by Renee Bauer. Motion carried.

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

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

Superintendent Report:

- **Greenwood Office Painting Completion**

Superintendent Loniewski notified the Cemetery Board members that the Greenwood Cemetery Office exterior painting is complete. There were some repairs made to the siding and window trim and the gable vent was replaced.

- **Storm Damage Repairs**

The damage from August 11, 2026, storm has been completed. The tree at the Chapel of Chimes at Swan Lake Memorial Gardens has been removed. Thank you again to the Michigan City Street Department for the help. The granite monument located in the Cross & Resurrection Garden has been reset.

- **Greenwood Fence Damage**

Superintendent Loniewski notified the Cemetery Board members on Friday, September 4, 2026; the Greenwood Cemetery fence was damaged at the corner of Barker Avenue and Poplar Street intersection. Superintendent Loniewski reached out to Tim Werner, City Engineer's office inquiring about a barrier to be placed to prevent intrusion into the Greenwood Cemetery fence.

- **Master Planning**

Superintendent Loniewski held a discuss about the Cemetery Department Master Plan. W.C. Fry Designs in Lansing, MI and Tribute Designs in Hartland, WI are 2 companies that do cemetery development master plans. Superintendent Loniewski will set up a zoom meet with each company.

- **Green Burial Rules/Location/Pricing**

Superintendent Loniewski heads a discussion with the Cemetery Board members, comparing grave costs to traditional interments to green burial interments. The Board compared Cemeteries in South Bend, IN, Lafayette, IN, Indianapolis, IN and Crawfordsville, IN. Swan Lake Memorial Gardens green burial garden will be in Serenity Garden lot 82, 83 and 84, with a total of 22 graves. The Michigan City Cemetery Department is proposing to charge \$2500.00 green burial grave and \$2200.00 interment cost for a green burial grave.

Board Member Cat Houchins made a motion to accept the rules presented at August 2026 board meeting, location and the pricing of green burials in Swan Lake Memorial Gardens. Second by Vera Gaston. Motion carried.

- **Islamic Burial Garden MOU**

A discussion was held about the preliminary draft of the MOU between the Cemetery Department and the Michigan City Islamic Center. Superintendent Loniewski presented to Scott Meland the Islamic Center representative.

Board Member Cat Houchins made a motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding for the Islamic Cemetery at Swan Lake Memorial Gardens. Second by Vera Gaston. Motion carried.

Burials

Greenwood	3 cremains	7 full burials	0 entombment	total 10
Swan Lake	3 cremains	6 full burials	1 entombment	<u>total 10</u>

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A motion to accept the Superintendent report by Cat Houchins. Second by Vera Gaston. Motion carried.

Guest

None

Old Business

Board member Cat Houchins updated the Board on the process of changing the ordinance of requirements to be a board member.

Board member Cat Houchins made a motion to change the requirement in the Indiana State ordinance to being a resident of LaPorte County from the Michigan City School District. Subject upon approval of Michigan City-City Council and Michigan City Attorney. Second by Vera Gaston. Motion Carried.

New Business

Superintendent Loniewski thanked Renee Bauer for her years of service. You have always been very involved. You've been cognitive of what goes on at the cemeteries. We will miss your presence.

Public Comment

None

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:34pm by Cat Houchins. Second by Renee Bauer.
Motion carried. Next meeting will be held at Swan Lake Memorial Garden's Office Complex
on October 8, 2026, at 3:00pm.

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Davis Bush-President

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Bernadette Dimke-Secretary

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Denice Osos-Recorder