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

Greenwood Cemetery
153 Tilden Ave
Michigan City, IN 46360

October 8, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Cemetery Trustees of Michigan City was called to order by President Davis Bush on October 8, 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
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open	Superintendent Loniewski

Election of Vice President A nomination vote took place for Vice President between Vera Gaston and Cat Houchins. Nominations were closed with a 2/3 vote for Cat Houchins for Vice President. A motion by Davis Bush Cemetery Board President for Cat Houchins Vice President. Motion Carried.

Minutes of September 10, 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 October 2026 upon a motion to approve by Cat Houchins. Second by Vera Gaston. All Board Members present approved. Motion carried.

Guest
Donna Kavanagh

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

Superintendent Report:

- **Swan donation**
  Superintendent Loniewski notified the Cemetery Board that we have taken delivery of a new pair of swans. Thank you to Chris at Grand Swan Farm for the donation. There is a fence around the pond in place to help acclimate them to their surrounding environment.

- **Green Burial Flyer**
  A flyer was presented to the Board members to review. Superintendent Loniewski explained to the Board that there will be a Green Burial sign installed, showing the location of the Green Burial Garden.
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- **Islamic Burial Garden MOU**
  Superintendent Loniewski informed the Cemetery Board members that a revised copy of the MOU from the City Attorney office was set to Scott Meland and the Islamic Center.

- **Master Planning update**
  Superintendent Loniewski held a discuss about moving forward on planning the master plan for the future at Swan Memorial Gardens.

- **Snowplow purchase**
  A discussion was held for approval of the bids for a snowplow for the new F-250 truck in the Cemetery Department fleet. Superintendent Loniewski received Riggs Outdoor Power Equipment $8730.00, and W.A. Jones Equipment $8870.00. A motion to approve Riggs Outdoor Power Equipment bid for $8730.00 by Bernadette Dimke. Second by Vera Gaston. Motion Carried.

- **Sign painting**
  Superintendent Loniewski notified the Cemetery Board the new signage poles in both cemeteries are in the process of being painted.

Burials

Greenwood	3 cremains	0 full burials	0 entombment	total 3
Swan Lake	7 cremains	3 full burials	0 entombment	total 10
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A motion to accept the Superintendent report by Cat Houchins. Second by Bernadette Dimke. Motion carried.

Old Business

Board member Cat Houchins inquired about the water leak in the Sinai Temple section. Superintendent Loniewski explained the Cemetery Department fixed the leak so Greenwood Cemetery water could be turned on.

Board member Cat Houchins gave an update on the change of the Indiana State ordinance.

New Business

Cemetery Department fall clean-up is October 15-22, 2026.

Swan Lake Memorial Gardens vases need to be turned down by November 15, 2026.

Greenwood Cemetery water will be shut off October 15, 2026.

Public Comment

Scott Meland

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:57pm by Bernadette Dimke. Second by Cat Houchins. Motion carried. Next meeting will be held at Swan Lake Memorial Garden's Office Complex on November 12, 2026, at 3:00pm.

Davis Bush-President

Bernadette Dimke-Secretary

Denice Osos-Recorder