

CEMETERY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, May 28, 2026 @ 4:00 pm, City Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER:

4:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

X	Lynn Thompson (Chair)	X	Cynthia Foster		Gene Bagwell (Cemetery Manager)
	Dana Watson (Vice Chair)	X	Jillian Bliss		
X	Kyle Coker	X	Jeff Bransford (Park Staff)	X	Brenadette Faust (CONB)
	Connie Krause	X	Shari Silvio (Park Staff)		
	Jan Kingsbury	X	Hunter Haberly (Cemetery Sexton)		

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dana Watson Approval of April 23, 2026 minutes

4. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS

Lois Schmick attended the meeting as an observer. Her family is having their 64th family reunion and she was looking for information to share with her family on Field of Graves, volunteer, and donation opportunities. Katie Totman, CONB Historical Preservation Officer and her intern were also in attendance as observers.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

a. Field of Graves

Bernadette has directed MHS to begin working on the construction documents for the project. Following the edits Chad sent regarding the committee's requested changes to the signage, Bernadette is now seeking clarification on four specific pieces of information to include. During the meeting, she shared a slide illustrating the proposed design, which features a slanted sign mounted on top of a limestone block with etched detailing to match the existing seating blocks. This specific design ensures excellent stability and safety while strictly adhering to the site's restriction against ground disturbance. The current plan is to produce four signs with a focus on reducing the overall verbiage. While Bernadette's design team develops various layout options, the committee needs to review and finalize what the definitive copy should be, though there is still time before this text must be locked in. Additionally, a suggestion was raised to include a QR code on the signage linking to Chronicle for extra information; however, Bernadette advised against this, noting it could limit the long-term relevance and longevity of the permanent memorial. Finally, the committee confirmed that any financial donations must be routed through the Parks Foundation.

b. Cookbooks

Shari provided the group with current cookbook financials. The group will reach out to Stacey to see about possibly collaborating with MSYC for cookbook class and book sales.

c. Soul Searching

Lynn is continuing to work on research on her “souls”. The group is continuing to work on pushing the event through to completion. Jan and the group are working on securing sponsorships for the golf carts. The volunteer list needs to be updated to be sent out to potential volunteers. We are wanting to post the volunteer opportunities to the Parks and Rec social pages. Donation box will be placed at the event with information on the Field of Graves. The group will work on signage for Field of Graves at the event.

6. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- A. Field of Graves
- B. Cemetery Financials
- C. Soul Searching 2026

7. ADJOURNMENT

4: 54 p.m.