

**Breezy Point Cemetery Commission**  
**Wednesday, April 15, 2026 – 1:30 p.m.**  
**Meeting minutes**

The Cemetery Commission meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM on April 15, 2026. Commissioners present included Tia McMonigal, Kay Spizzo, Rhonda Swanson. Staff members were Public Works Director Joe Zierden, City Clerk Deb Runksmeier, and Council Liaison Steve Jensen. Donna Hoelke and Robbin Jensen were noted as absent.

Swanson completed oath to office. Hoelke and Jensen will take oaths at next meeting along with election of officers.

The minutes from the September 17, 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved.

*Motion to accept the minutes as written made by Tia McMonigal Kay Spizzo, seconded by Kay Spizzo. Motion passed 3-0.*

Joe Zierden updated the commission on general maintenance of the cemetery.

The memorial pavers project will be pushed out until staff has time to address. New columbarium niche sales continue. Explained landscaping updates and maintenance to the waterfall feature.

Deb Runksmeier suggested creating a memorial sign near the water feature in honor of the late cemetery commissioner, Gary Bakken, who recently passed. Council member Jensen mentioned having a rock engraved to display.

The Pequot Lakes Day of Caring will have a group of 4-6 students to help spread mulch at the cemetery on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Butterfly Release is scheduled for July 18th. Will discuss more details at the upcoming meetings. This is also the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the cemetery.

## **Adjourn**

The meeting was then adjourned 1:42 pm.

Deb Runksmeier  
Deputy City Clerk