Braintree Cemetery Commission Meeting Notes
Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Attendees: Cal Poulin, Karl Jassen, Nancy Burchfield and Justin Poulin

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Citizen Comments
Justin Poulin attended the meeting to say that he recently purchased property bordering the East Braintree Cemetery and has questions about where the boundary lines lie.

Old Business
The minutes for the May meeting were approved with no changes.

New Business
East Braintree Cemetery property border discussion with Justin Poulin

Mr. Poulin now owns the property bordering the western edge of this cemetery. He would like to put up a nice fence that will keep his cows out of the cemetery but the property lines can't be determined from property records or boundary markers. Additionally, debris from this cemetery has typically been dumped along and over the western edge of the cemetery, down the hill. Brush is an issue with an electric fence. The goal is to come to an agreement that is the easiest to maintain and accommodates everyone. The next action will be for the Commission members to walk the cemetery boundaries per the map and do some cleanup, possibly, to uncover boundaries. Then we will confer with Justin Poulin to further discuss a solution.

Cemetery Updates

1) May burials: a full burial in Lower Branch, two separate, full burials in East Braintree, and three burials in Mountain View. The last burials include one box (20" x 22") for the cremains of a husband and wife. The Mountain View map needs to be marked accordingly to avoid any confusion down the road about the grave site.
2) June burials scheduled: one in Mountain View
3) It was reaffirmed that the Commission will continue to supply military markers and flags going forward even as the expense of these items have increased.

There was a discussion of the enforcement of the Cemetery Rules & Regulations which are posted at the cemeteries. There are still some posted rules which are not fully up-to-date but all of the postings are clear regarding the removal of plantings, and other decoration. Despite this, the rules are being disregarded by some. The removals of banned material has generated calls from family members with concerns that mementos and decorations have been removed.

Going forward, the Rules & Regulations will be posted on an updated webpage for the Cemetery Commission and all mementos and decorations will be removed in early November if not before.

Website Revisions

It was decided that the Cemetery Commission needs to be updated with contact information, prices and the rules and regulations for the cemeteries.
Karl will draft content for the website for the next meeting.

A review of the Commission budget and needs was deferred to another meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Next Meeting to be held: Wednesday, July 1, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Burchfield