

# SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:00 pm Wednesday, May 9, 2007

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP HALL

## MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** at 7:04 PM by Chairperson Vaillencourt
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Sign In:** Ron Ellison, Jolea Mull, Ron Mann, Sybil Kolon, Deena McIntosh, Gary Blades, Bill Chizmar, Bill Lewis, Robert Little, Larry Lindemann, Bill DeGroot, Pat Vaillencourt, Karl Racenis, Jeff Wallace, David Davis, Jim Fish, Jesse O'Jack, Brett Lennart, Jan Godek (Lodi Township), Mark Roby (WCP&E), Joe VanderMeulen (LIAA).
4. **Introductions**
5. **Approval of Agenda** - motion to approve as written by Mann, support by Little, approved by acclamation
6. **Approval of Minutes of April 11, 2007 meeting** - motion to approve as written by Mull, supported by Little, approved by acclamation.
7. **Regional Plan** – Mark Roby, Joint Planning Agreement Review  
VanderMeulen presented draft “Agreement Establishing the Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission” created by LIAA from SWWCOG April meeting direction and discussed key points relative to Section 5 of the Joint Municipal Planning Act (PA 226 of 2003). Municipalities need to implement by Ordinance.

Little questioned inclusion of “and to jointly exercise zoning powers” in Paragraph 1. Purpose and Jurisdictional Area. Mann discussed instruction in the following paragraph stating “may” so he is comfortable with that statement. Ellison suggested and it was agreed to use “may include jointly exercising zoning powers”. Wallace stated that this will facilitate using PA-7 or PA-425 agreements.

O'Jack questioned whether this would be a Zoning or a Regulatory Ordinance. VanderMeulen stated that Public Act only states “by Ordinance” so this is undefined.

Blades asked whether this could be implemented by PA-7 rather than by Ordinance. O'Jack's opinion was that PA-7 would not provide the intended protections against exclusionary zoning claims, but the entire Act has yet to be court tested.

Discussion about representation. Mann stated that for accountability it is important that one representative from each entity be an elected official. Each jurisdiction will appoint two representatives of which one must be an elected official. No requirement relative to Planning Commission. All two year terms, except for initial one year appointments. LIAA needs to add provision for elected official appointments to expire if they are no longer in their elected office.

Discussion about financial controls and administration were discussed.

Kolon expressed concern about limiting officers to only two consecutive one year terms. Limitation of officer service was eliminated.

Change that “this agreement is in effect only if there are two or more members”.

O’Jack expressed concern about effect of “9. Powers and Duties” of existing Planning Commissions in the individual entities.

Roby put together potential Table of Contents and draft Time Line for SWWCOG Regional Plan.

**8. Wireless Project Report – No Report**

**9. Roundtable Discussion –**

**Manchester Schools;** Lyndon Uphaus and Chris Fegan elected to School Board (Ellison)  
**Sharon Township;** discussed agreements signed with Napoleon and Grass Lake about common school election site rather than for each Township. (Blades)

**Freedom Township;** Millage failed (Little)

**Bridgewater Township;** no report

**Manchester Township;** no report

**Manchester Village;** no report

**10. Other Business - none**

**11. Adjourn -** at 9:25 PM, motion by Blades, support by Mull, approved by members with their feet.

**The next regular meeting will be June 13, 2007, Bridgewater Township Hall**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karl Racenis - Secretary