

Lions Club Ballfields & Regional Park

Verified Shawnee Municipal Minutes Research Summary

Scope: A source-controlled chronology limited to statements supported by the Shawnee minutes research index, previously compiled project records, and independently located City of Shawnee minutes. No inference is presented as fact.

Executive Summary

The reviewed record documents two distinct municipal recreation subjects: (1) capital work at the existing Lions Club West Softball Field, and (2) planning for a proposed Regional Park/sports complex associated in the research record with North Airport property. The records also document Airport Layout Plan actions during the same general period. This report does not state that the Lions Club Ballfields and the proposed Regional Park occupied the same parcel, and it does not state that either site was subject to a particular federal restriction unless a source expressly establishes that fact.

The strongest directly documented Lions Club capital item is the 2000 lighting project. The research index records a February 22, 2000 deferral followed by a March 6, 2000 award to Shawnee Lighting Systems, Inc. for \$55,780. The Regional Park record includes planning entries dated June 17 and September 3, 2002 and a July 7, 2003 site-selection/action entry involving North Airport property at Kickapoo and Hazel Dell Road. A later official City Commission record dated February 21, 2006 provides a detailed Regional Park Master Plan discussion and unanimous action under Agenda Item No. 6.

Verified Chronology

Date	Agenda / Record	What the record establishes	Disposition / status
Sept. 21, 1998	Airport Layout Plan update (agenda number not established in reviewed source set)	The Shawnee minutes research index records an Airport Layout Plan update described in the project audit as federally mandated.	Included as a documented airport-planning action. No parcel-specific conclusion is drawn here.
Feb. 22, 2000	Lions Club West Softball Field lighting (agenda number not established in reviewed source set)	The research index tracks the lighting bid and records that action was deferred.	Deferred.
Mar. 6, 2000	Lions Club West Softball Field lighting (agenda number not established in reviewed source set)	The City Commission awarded the lighting project to Shawnee Lighting Systems, Inc. for \$55,780. The project audit describes the vote as unanimous.	Awarded for \$55,780.
Apr. 2, 2001	Revised Airport Layout Plan (agenda number not established in reviewed source set)	The research index records City approval of a revised Airport Layout Plan. The project audit states that the revision removed a Public Works hangar and added a Japanese garden, jogging trail, and Exposition expansion after reported verbal FAA approval.	Revised plan approved, as summarized in the research index.
June 17, 2002	Regional Park / North Airport planning (agenda number not established in reviewed source set)	The research index identifies planning for a proposed Regional Park associated with the North Airport site.	Planning-stage record.

Date	Agenda / Record	What the record establishes	Disposition / status
Sept. 3, 2002	Regional Park / North Airport planning (agenda number not established in reviewed source set)	The research index contains a second Regional Park / North Airport planning entry.	Planning-stage record.
July 7, 2003	Regional Park / sports complex site action (agenda number not established in reviewed source set)	The research index records action involving North Airport property at Kickapoo and Hazel Dell Road for a Regional Park/sports complex.	Site-selection/action entry documented in the research index.
Feb. 21, 2006	Agenda Item No. 6 - Discuss and consider staff's presentation of Regional Park Design	Community Development Director Mike Southard presented the Regional Park Master Plan and requested direction to move forward with Phase I of a 10- to 15-year project. The design called for construction to start with 11-12 soccer fields; 8-10 baseball fields and football and softball fields were described for the next phase. Scott Warren of the Shawnee Soccer Association spoke in support of keeping the soccer fields together. Commissioners discussed future grants, corporate sponsorships, and a visitors center.	Commission accepted the general concept, directed that the park begin with soccer fields, and directed staff to determine State School Land Commission costs to obtain a contract and proceed. Motion carried 7-0.

Lions Club Ballfields - Supported Findings

Municipal capital action. The source-controlled record supports a narrow finding that the City Commission considered and funded a lighting project identified as the Lions Club West Softball Field project. The February 22, 2000 entry records deferral; the March 6, 2000 entry records the \$55,780 award to Shawnee Lighting Systems, Inc.

What is not established by that item. The lighting action, standing alone, does not establish the complete ownership history of the ballfield parcel, the source of every dollar used for the project, the parcel's federal-obligation status, or any connection between that parcel and the later Regional Park site.

Regional Park - Supported Findings

The Shawnee minutes research index identifies Regional Park / North Airport activity on June 17, 2002, September 3, 2002, and July 7, 2003. The July 7 entry is summarized in the project audit as involving North Airport property at Kickapoo and Hazel Dell Road for a Regional Park/sports complex. Because the exact agenda-item text for these three meetings was not reproduced in the source material used for this report, this PDF preserves the research-index description and does not add details that were not verified.

The February 21, 2006 City Commission minutes provide the most detailed verified Regional Park description reviewed for this report. Under Agenda Item No. 6, Mike Southard presented a Regional Park Master Plan and sought direction for Phase I of a 10- to 15-year project. The recorded design called for 11-12 soccer fields first, with 8-10 baseball fields and football and softball fields in the next phase. The Commission discussed grants, corporate sponsorships, and a visitors center. It then unanimously accepted the general concept, directed that development begin with soccer fields, and directed staff to determine the cost of obtaining a contract from the State School Land Commission and proceed with the project.

Relationship Between the Subjects - Evidentiary Boundary

The reviewed record supports contemporaneous municipal activity involving Lions Club Ballfields, airport planning, and a proposed Regional Park. It does not, by itself, establish that these subjects involved the same parcel or that one project replaced another. Accordingly, this report does not characterize the chronology as proof of a land-transfer

violation, abandonment of a sports complex, diversion of funds, or any other legal or policy conclusion.

Source and Methodology Notes

The Shawnee minutes research dataset is a statement-level research index. The previously audited project packet reports 36,388 statement-level records, including 4,533 rows dated 1998-2004, and expressly distinguishes cleaned minute summaries and agenda references from analyst-written legal implications. For this PDF, analyst legal implications were not treated as municipal findings.

The February 21, 2006 Regional Park discussion was independently checked against the City of Shawnee's archived City Commission minutes. Earlier dates and descriptions are reported only to the level established by the minutes research audit and project source record. Where an exact agenda number was not established in the reviewed source set, the table states that limitation rather than assigning one.

Documented Sources

1. City of Shawnee, Board of City Commissioners Proceedings, February 21, 2006, Agenda Item No. 6, Regional Park Design.
2. Shawnee Research 1995-2004 - Shawnee Minutes Research 1995-2004.csv, as audited and summarized in the July 2026 Congressional Oversight Packet.
3. Congressional Oversight Packet v36, Shawnee minutes research audit and Lions Club / North Airport chronology.

Research standard: This document is a factual research summary, not a legal opinion. It intentionally excludes unsupported causation, motive, parcel identity, legal conclusions, and speculative explanations.