



LIONS CLUB BALLFIELDS

Professional Research & Facility Activity Summary
Shawnee, Oklahoma | Hidden Valley - Integrity of the Game

Purpose. This summary organizes the Lions Club Ballfields facility report with selected municipal agreements, historical land records, public-safety research, and supporting imagery. It distinguishes documented facts, calculated activity, analytical questions, and matters requiring independent verification.

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Facility Research Landing Page

Primary Facility URL

Open the Shawnee Lions Club Ballfields Research Page

<https://www.baseballheaven.net/lions-club-ballfields/>

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Shawnee Lions Club Park 2-21-24 - Failed Shawnee Leadership or Lack of Leadership

Date: Feb. 21, 2024

Video documenting the post-tornado Lions Club Ballfields condition and related public-safety / leadership questions.

<https://youtu.be/2IFB2L5gpLI?si=VQhoty3GpAPXqlrW>

Lions Club Ballfields 1998... Instrument of Transfer Land 1947 Executive Order...

Date: May 27, 2025

Research presentation connecting the Lions Club Ballfields history with the 1947 Instrument of Transfer and the broader Oklahoma Business Plan research.

<https://youtu.be/nn-geTwwwzE?si=pxzdcavsNEQMt22M>

Shawnee Oklahoma YMCA Lions Park

Date: Oct. 18, 2023

Video identified in the supplied media index as documenting the YMCA / Lions Park facility context.

https://youtu.be/A9_WEhz_hml?si=x3b-MTNsFU_vSitC

Mayor Stephens: Lions Club Lunch

Date: Oct. 4, 2025

Video discussion concerning Lions Club Ballfields and the 1947 Instrument of Transfer.

https://youtu.be/hX6lmBt1hl0?si=KFrgNag9mz635T_C

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Started With a Fence - Shawnee Lions Club Ballfields

Date: Date not stated in supplied index

It Started With a Fence: The Shawnee Minutes Story - an AI NotebookLM podcast about the progression from public-safety concerns into municipal-record and land-ownership research.

<https://youtu.be/-qPY4uL5z2c>

Shawnee Oklahoma Little League Discussions 2023

Date: Oct. 28, 2023

Video identified in the supplied media index as documenting Shawnee Little League discussions during 2023.

https://youtu.be/yAa_Kyf6aC0?si=RBKcweEluyjy40I9

Instrument of Transfer AI NotebookLM AI Generated Podcast

Date: Audio file

AI-generated NotebookLM audio resource addressing the Instrument of Transfer research.

<https://www.baseballheaven.net/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2025/02/Instrument-of-Transfer-Podcast.wav>

Executive Overview

The Lions Club Ballfields record presents a documented history of youth-sports use at a City of Shawnee public facility together with a broader governance history involving maintenance, lease arrangements, public utilities, federal conveyance restrictions, tornado damage, and redevelopment questions. The Hidden Valley facility report provides a conservative stand-alone USSSA activity view for records listing Lions Club Ballfields independently.

\$98,842 Calculated Team Entry Fees	\$94,211 Baseball	\$4,631 Softball
869 Teams	1,943 Minimum Games	3,479 Minimum Officials

EVIDENTIARY RULE: Calculated Team Entry Fees = participating teams x publicly posted team entry fee. They are not, by themselves, proof of revenue received, profit, compensation, taxable income, gate receipts, concession receipts, or disposition of funds.

Facility Report Findings

The report identifies Lions Club Ballfields as the primary facility in Shawnee, with one municipality, one county, and three tournament directors in the stand-alone population. It records 4 league teams with a displayed league Team Entry Fee of \$0.00. A \$0.00 public listing should not be interpreted as proof that no operational activity occurred or that no locally administered fee existed.

Tournament Director	Displayed Calculated Team Entry Fees
Scott Nelson	\$61.38K
Ted Cox	\$26.39K
Kenneth Crawford	\$11.07K

Annual Activity Pattern

Season	Total	Baseball	Softball
2008	\$6.60K	\$6.60K	-
2007	\$36.51K	\$31.88K	\$4.63K
2006	\$19.89K	\$19.89K	-
2005	\$9.80K	\$9.80K	-
2004	\$19.78K	\$19.78K	-
2003	\$6.02K	\$6.02K	-
2002	\$243	\$243	-

The highest displayed season is 2007 at approximately \$36.51K in total Calculated Team Entry Fees. Baseball accounts for approximately \$31.88K of that season, while the report displays approximately \$4.63K in softball activity. Annual figures above reproduce the chart's displayed/rounded values.

Municipal Governance & Operating Agreements

The municipal record documents a change in facility stewardship in 2013. A City letter to the Shawnee Youth Athletics Association states that its lease was being revoked after citing maintenance deficiencies, backstop disrepair, grounds/trash issues, limited season-game use, poor communication, and unanswered requests for financial information. An August 14, 2013 staff memorandum recommended an operating arrangement with the Troy and Dollie Smith Family YMCA.

Documented item	What the record establishes
2013 lease revocation	City cited maintenance, backstop disrepair, trash/grounds issues, limited game use, poor communication, and missing requested financials.
2013 YMCA agreement	City granted YMCA use of Lions Club Park for recreation/education; annual lease payment stated as \$1.00.
Maintenance & utilities	YMCA assumed routine field/grounds maintenance; City was charged for electric, solid waste, sewer and water, including field lighting and facility services.
Financial reporting	YMCA was to provide semi-annual financial statements and business-activity reports; City could conduct a financial review.
Third-party use	YMCA could make property available to others under agreement conditions, prepare fields, determine costs, and assess those costs against users.

Federal Instrument of Transfer Context

Deed Record 179 records a 1947 Instrument of Transfer from the United States to the City of Shawnee under the Surplus Property Act framework and Executive Order 9689. The instrument imposes reservations and restrictions that run with the land, including airport-use provisions, limits on non-aviation uses that interfere with airport operations, federal emergency-use rights, approval requirements for successive transfers, and a reversion mechanism upon breach.

Whether the Lions Club Ballfields parcel is legally within a particular transferred tract, and whether any specific recreational use complied with all federal requirements at a given time, requires parcel-level title, survey, agency-approval, and historical land-use verification. This summary does not convert the existence of the Instrument of Transfer into a legal conclusion of violation.

KEY LEGAL RESEARCH QUESTION: What exact tract/legal description contains the Lions Club Ballfields, what federal restrictions remain operative on that tract, and what approvals or releases - if any - were issued for its recreational use, lease, redevelopment, demolition, or possible conveyance?

Site Context



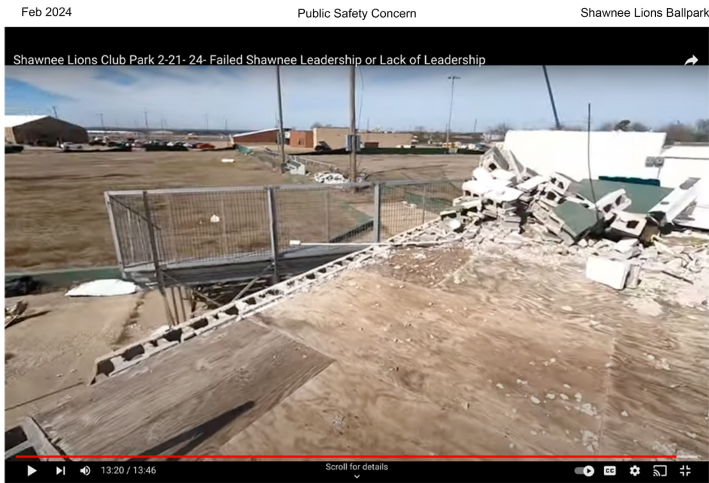
Aerial image supplied with the research materials showing the Lions Club Ballfields in relation to W. Federal Street, the YMCA, and adjacent community uses.

Public Safety & Tornado-Damage Record

The supplied doctoral lecture states that an April 19, 2023 tornado caused severe damage at the Lions Club Ballfields and that damaged fencing, debris, unstable structures, and other hazards remained documented into February-March 2024. The research materials state that the City issued a demolition notice on April 9, 2024 and that demolition began in July 2024. These dates and characterizations are presented as source-derived research findings and should be checked against original City, FEMA, inspection, and project records for any formal proceeding.



February 21, 2024 video still supplied with the research materials, showing damaged fencing and debris conditions.



Additional February 2024 video still showing debris and damaged structures near the ballfield complex.

What the Records Establish - and What They Do Not

Category	Supported by supplied record	Not established by these materials alone
USSSA activity	869 teams; \$98,842 Calculated Team Entry Fees; 1,943 minimum games; 3,479 minimum officials.	Actual collections, deposits, profits, tax treatment, gate/concession receipts, or who ultimately received funds.
City/YMCA operations	City ownership stated in agreements; YMCA operating rights; maintenance duties; City-paid utilities; reporting requirements.	Whether every contractual requirement was satisfied in every year, absent underlying reports, invoices, audits, and correspondence.

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Federal restrictions	1947 Instrument contains restrictions, approval provisions, emergency-use rights, and reversion language.	A final legal determination that a particular Lions Club use or lease violated the instrument.
Public safety	Research materials and images document visible post-tornado damage and alleged extended hazard conditions.	A formal negligence finding, causation determination, damages award, or allocation of legal liability.

Priority Verification & Records Strategy

- **Parcel/title chain:** certified legal descriptions, surveys, deeds, releases, FAA/federal approvals, and instruments modifying the 1947 restrictions.
- **City-YMCA compliance:** semi-annual financial statements, business-activity reports, third-party user agreements, fee schedules, insurance certificates, utility invoices, maintenance records, and City financial reviews.
- **USSSA event verification:** preserved event pages, team counts, posted fees, director records, schedules, and facility-use agreements or invoices that independently establish allocation.
- **Post-tornado response:** inspection reports, hazard notices, fencing/security work orders, FEMA correspondence, demolition contracts, environmental/soil records, and project timelines.
- **Regional park/redevelopment:** budget ledgers, sales-tax expenditure records, Commission agenda packets, public notices, land-use planning files, and records showing how park-restoration funds were authorized and spent.

Facility-Specific Synthesis

Lions Club Ballfields is documented in the Hidden Valley report as a Shawnee primary facility with \$98,842 in Calculated Team Entry Fees, consisting of \$94,211 baseball and \$4,631 softball, across 869 teams, at least 1,943 games and 3,479 official assignments. The report identifies three tournament directors and four league teams with a displayed \$0.00 league entry fee. The highest displayed annual activity occurred in the 2007 USSSA season.

The municipal record adds a separate governance layer: the City revoked the prior SYAA lease in 2013 after documenting maintenance and financial-reporting concerns, then structured YMCA use with maintenance, insurance, reporting, third-party-use, and utility provisions. The 1947 Instrument of Transfer adds a federal land-use layer that should be evaluated through exact parcel mapping and agency records rather than assumption. Post-2023 tornado imagery and research materials further raise public-safety and redevelopment questions suitable for records-based verification.

BOTTOM LINE: The supplied materials support a substantial, documentable history of public-facility use, municipal operating arrangements, calculated youth-sports activity, federal conveyance restrictions, and post-tornado safety concerns. They also leave important questions unresolved. The defensible research path is to preserve the distinction between association and allocation, calculated activity and actual receipts, research interpretation and legal findings, and visible conditions and formal liability determinations.

Source & Methodology Notes

Primary materials reviewed include the Hidden Valley Lions Club Ballfields Facility Report; the reusable facility-report methodology; City of Shawnee lease-revocation and YMCA agreement records; the 1947 Instrument of Transfer; public-safety and land-use research summaries; the supplied aerial image; and February 2024 video stills.

The Hidden Valley methodology describes Team Entry Fees as calculated economic-activity estimates based on participating teams multiplied by publicly displayed entry fees. It expressly warns that these figures are not verified receipts and that association is not allocation. The project is independent research and is not represented as an official USSSA, City, federal, or other governmental report.

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