



## Kanawha County Commission

### Media Release

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### **Shawnee Park Multi-Sport Complex Groundbreaking Ceremony** **Thursday December 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm**

A groundbreaking ceremony for the Shawnee Park Multi-Sport Complex will be held this **Thursday, December 28th, 2017 at 2:00pm**. The ceremony will take place inside the Shawnee Park Clubhouse with a groundbreaking event to be held outside on the future site of the turf fields. The groundbreaking is open to all who would like to attend and celebrate the construction of West Virginia's most comprehensive public sports facility.

Commissioner Ben Salango stated, "We are very excited to ring in the New Year with a groundbreaking ceremony at Shawnee Park. Construction is underway and we are confident that the Multi-Sport Complex will be open in the summer of 2018."

The Kanawha County Commission recently awarded a \$10.2 million dollar construction contract to Hayslett Construction, a local firm based in Hurricane, WV. The Multi-Sport Complex was designed by ZMM Architects and Engineers of Charleston, WV. Financing for the Complex was provided by Huntington Banks.

The Shawnee Park Multi-Sport Complex will be located at Shawnee Park in Institute, WV. The 127-acre Complex will feature six collegiate-size turf soccer and lacrosse fields, four collegiate-size turf baseball and softball fields, and several grass practice fields that can be lined for a variety of sports. In addition, Shawnee Park will receive updates to the basketball courts, renovations to the existing outdoor swimming pool, and the construction of a new community building with additional parking.

The Multi-Sport Complex will also feature a Youth Development Center. This Center will provide local children with after school access and other activities such as crafts, visual arts, music and computer coding.