

West Donegal Township Social Media Commenting Policy

West Donegal Township maintains a social media presence as an additional means of communicating information to our residents, much as we do our standard website and public documents hosting site. By visiting township owned social media channels and web sites, users understand that West Donegal Township makes every effort to provide accurate and up-to-date information regarding the Township via these internet-based systems. The information provided on these platforms and sites is meant to be a convenient way for residents to stay informed of happenings within the township and the surrounding municipalities.

Residents who have a question regarding any official township social media post or web site page should direct those questions via email to info@wdtwp.com. This email address is monitored by the entire office staff. Asking your social media inspired question via email is the best way to receive a timely answer. Social media commenters asking a direct question to the township via the comment section of a township authored social media post should have no expectation of a timely response as these comments are not always seen as readily as the email listed above.

Comments posted by a member of the public to any Township social media platform are solely the opinion of the commentor alone. Publication of comments by the public on township social media posts does not imply an endorsement of, or agreement with, by the Township nor do such comments reflect the opinions and/or policies of the Township.

Commentors may not engage in any of the following activity on any township social media site:

- Comments/posts that are not germane to the subject matter of the original post.
- Vulgar, abusive, profane, obscene, violent, harassing, or pornographic content or language.
- Personal or ad hominem attacks or unsupported accusations of any kind, against any individual, township staff member, or elected or appointed township official.
- Offensive terms/comments targeting any individual or people group.
- Threats or defamatory statements.
- Conduct in violation of any federal, state or local law.

West Donegal Township reserves the right to moderate and control the comment section of any social media content that is posted to any official township social media account. This moderation includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Hiding of comments that contain any of the prohibited actions listed above.
2. Deletion of comments that contain any of the prohibited actions listed above.
3. Referral of commenter to law enforcement if comment appears to have violated any local, state or federal law.

Additionally, West Donegal Township reserves the right to block any social media user or account that is a serial violator of the prohibited actions listed above.