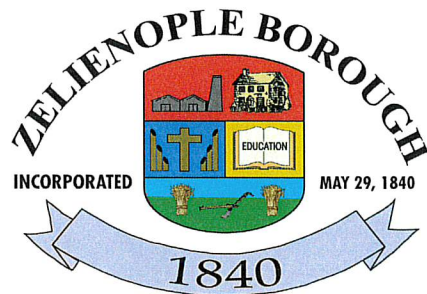


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Jen Semel Named
Zelienople Borough 2021 Volunteer of the Year

The Borough started the Volunteer of the year award program in 2014 to honor outstanding individuals who as a volunteer, has served the Borough of Zelienople with dedication and distinction.

These people give their time, talents and efforts to serve the citizens of this borough and surrounding area, to make people's lives easier, eliminate suffering and improve the quality of life.

Jen was nominated by the Friends of the Park board members for her hard work, outstanding contributions, leadership, and dedication to our community. She began volunteering her time assisting the park manager with bookkeeping and secretarial tasks in 2013 and quickly became involved in leading efforts to build a new pool, improve playground amenities, creating a park office, obtain grants for trees, and general improvements to facilities which took the park to the next level.

Her dedication to park operations proved invaluable when the park manager position became vacant just prior to the pool opening in 2021. Jen, as a volunteer, jumped in and assumed the role of interim park manager performing all the responsibilities that job entails including hiring a pool manager, assisting with day-to-day pool and snack bar operations, all secretarial functions, oversight of park maintenance, upkeep, and safety, assisted with banking and financial management, and continued to support fundraising and event programming all while building collaborative relationships with community organizations and citizens.

Particularly, Jen played an integral part to ensure the park transitioned to borough management in April 2022. Jen's knowledge, experience of the park/pool operation, dedication, and perseverance played an integral part of making the transfer to borough management a seamless transition.

Jen's efforts and vision greatly contributed to what the Zelienople Community Park is today.

For these reasons, Zelienople Borough Council is honored to present Jen Semel our 2021 Volunteer of the Year Award.