

**Green Team of Runnemede
Minutes of General Meeting- December 16, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Green Team was held on December 16, 2019, in Council Chambers. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m. and there were three members attending.

Topics for Discussion:

- 1) **SUSTAINABLE NEW JERSEY:** Chairman, John Ranieri announced that the application for the Bronze Award for Sustainable New Jersey was returned as not acceptable and that we were given an extension of four days to revise it and submit it again. Rachelle Omanson and John reviewed the application and worked together over the weekend to revise it. They saw that many activities that were done during the past two years were not included in the initial application. The application was revised and resubmitted during the meeting and over 350 points were accumulated.
- 2) **BRONZE AWARD STATUS:** Chairman John Ranieri stated that once we obtain Bronze Award status we will be eligible for grants of approximately \$1,500 to \$2,000. The importance of this award cannot be overstated as it allows the Green Team to move forward to attain Silver Award status which enables us to seek grants of up to \$50,000.
- 3) **SUB CATEGORY ASSIGNMENTS:** Rachelle announced that at every future meeting of the Green Team she will be reviewing sub-categories with members and assigning members projects to work on in that category so that achieving the Silver will come over a period of the next two years and not have to be done at the last moment.
- 4) **UPCOMING EVENTS:** John Ranieri stated that it is important that the Green Team be present at all town events. At those events, in order to get the required points, it is important that residents sign the Green Pledge. He said that the Green Team representative should be discussing the mission of the Green Team and the actions being taken by the Green Team on behalf of Runnemede's sustainability campaign for the Silver Award. John also stated that at the Fireman's Festivals, Matt Harris should put on the flyer that vendors accept cash and credit cards. We get points for this addition to the flyer.
- 5) **ILLUSION MAKER:** The Illusion Maker is a sustainable tool being used at the school. We need to know more about this program and have it in our 2020 plan.

There was no further business to come before the members and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Eleanor Kelly

P.S. 12/19/19: John Ranieri received word today that the Revised Application was approved and the Borough of Runnemede was granted Bronze Award Status. Way to go, John and Rochelle!!!!