



Meeting Name: Planning and Zoning Board
Meeting Date: February 5, 2024
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Item Title: Discussion on Artificial Turf

DISCUSSION:

As part of the Board’s prioritized agenda item list, item G, discussion on Artificial Turf, Town staff is bringing this item for board discussion.

The topic specifically stated, “I am seeing increasing installation of artificial turf in my area and would like to discuss the topic with regard to lot coverage, drainage, and landscape requirements; and include pervious surfaces.”

The Town of Juno Beach does not prohibit the use of artificial turf within the Town’s jurisdiction, the installation of artificial turf does require a Juno Beach Building Permit. During the building permit review, in the zoning review process, staff verifies that the materials installed are either permeable or impermeable (main focus on the base material), this is usually done by our Civil Engineer. If the material is determined to be impermeable or is being placed above a solid base (concrete, deck, etc.), and as recommended by the Town’s Civil Engineer, the Town may ask for a drainage plan. If the material is determined to be permeable (most modern installations are) and it is being placed over a recommended base such as decomposed granite, crushed miscellaneous base (sand and gravel mix) a drainage plan is not required.

It is important to note that artificial turf is not considered landscape and cannot be used to meet the Town’s Landscape Open Space percentage requirement.

Landscaping means *any of the following or combination thereof: materials such as, but not limited to, grass, ground covers, shrubs, vines, hedges, trees or palms, and other materials such as rocks, pebbles, sand, wall or fences.*

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is prepared to answer any questions that the Board may have on this item

Reference(s):

34-4 Definitions.

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