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February's RDDF Board meeting was a planning session with Art Lersch, UW-Extension Director. Accomplishments from the past year, plans for the coming year and goals for the future were discussed.

Real Estate Committee Goals for 2019

- Continue working on trail progress to the west
- Plan and develop use for property near Semco

Real Estate meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm at the Pine Ridge Restaurant.

Construction Committee Goals for 2019

- Finalize overlook area at south end of Park Street
- Construct pergola outlook and shoreline development
- Develop west 64 trail corridor
- Construct accessible fishing pier

Construction Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12:00 pm at the Agra Pavilion, South Park Street on the trail.



Friends and Marketing Goals for 2019

- Complete Community Patio and fire pit area
- Increase and energize Friends memberships
- Prioritize amenities for the trail
- Assist in developing Bebel Park/Woods area

The Friends/Marketing Committee meets the 1st Monday of the month at 6:00 pm in the lower level of Johnson's Downtown.

Capital Campaign Committee Goals for 2019

- Obtain specifics for upcoming projects to allow for grant writing
- Obtain next goal of \$200,000 for trail development through grants or donations

Capital Campaign meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Merrill Chamber.

The River District Development Foundation Board

meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Merrill Chamber office. Guests are welcome

The Annual Friends Meeting will be held at the Eagles Club on Wednesday April 17th at 6:30 pm. You need not be a Friend to attend.

Welcome New River District Development Board Members
Gary Bartz, Joni Hahn, Gene Simon and Peter Tabor

Visit our website
Riverbendtrail.org to find out more about the trail.



Friends of the River Bend Trail
Facebook page
Invite your friends



The River District Development Foundation of Merrill works to provide the community with a healthy living environment and economic growth potential through the creation of the River Bend Trail and other future endeavors connecting location, nature and people.

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Walls are being finished in the pavilion – June 7th is the target date for completion and handing the pavilion over to the city for rental.

If you would like to schedule an event on the trail or reserve the pavilion you can do so by contacting the Merrill Park and Rec office at 715-536-7313.



The Community Patio Project is underway. It will be located north of the Agra Pavilion in Rotary Park. The patio and fire pit will be 35' x 40' using repurposed clay bricks from downtown along with new engraved bricks that can be ordered via this website:

www.rbt.donationbricks.com

Bricks can be in memory of someone, to honor a person, a meaningful inscription, in your name, for your organization or for your business with your logo. The bricks come in various sizes and the prices are on the website starting at \$75 for a 4 x 8 brick. If you have questions contact Greg Hartwig at 715-409-0433.



Community Patio Project Design

Names, Businesses, memories for the future!
Thank you for your support!

Notes:

May 11th – Humane Society 5K run/walk on the trail

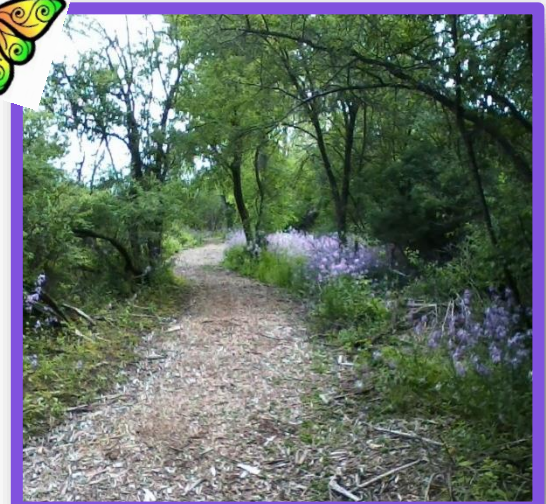
June 1 – 2nd annual walk for mental health awareness on the trail

Hello Spring!
Ask a friend to walk with you on the trail today.



If you would like to make a donation to the trail send a check to:

**Friends of RBT
POB 561
Merrill, WI 54452**



The Thrivent Loop in the spring

For more information about the trail or to become a Friend of the trail contact Greg Hartwig greg.hartwig00@gmail.com or the Merrill Chamber Office at 715-536-9474